

# Assembly Minutes

April 5 – April 7, 2019

Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougner Ave., Tonopah, NV. 89049

## Approved Friday, September 6, 2019

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**6:00 pm** Chairman, Paul E. introduces Ruth J. for a quick announcement. . . We lost Panel 45 past Delegate, Kevin D., of Pahrump. For those of you who knew him, services will be April 19th in Pahrump and burial in Boulder City. For those of you that want to go, you can take one of the announcements. Thank you.

### **Assembly opened with Serenity Prayer**

Chairman, Paul welcomes all, a special welcome to our past Trustees and Delegates. We are fortunate to have so much participation from our past servants. If you have any questions, write it down, put it in the red basket, and we will try to stump the panel.

### Announcements:

- At 8:00 there will be a GSR Orientation. This one will be based on the Conference Committee.
- Trent is over here taping, also has cd's from other speakers for sale.
- There is coffee in the back of the room. There is a jar, by the coffee for contributions. We have to pay for that coffee, if you drink the coffee, it would be greatly appreciated to contribute.
- Safety cards and bulletins from GSO are on the table with announcements.
- Menus for Hometown Pizza in front of podium. Several other places to eat here in town.
- There are only 165 banquet tickets, talk to registration to purchase one.
- On the wall you will find the Conference Committees for those who have signed up. Our Alternate Delegate, Julie has sign up sheets for those who are not on the list, and want to sign up for one of the Conference Committees.
- Archives room has a binder with folders for the DCM or representative to update their history binders.
- Upcoming events flyers on the table. Tomorrow morning is Tonopah Trot at 6 am.

**AA Preamble read by John**

**Anonymity Statement read by Jay.**

**Concept IV read by Cody**

**AA's Legacy of Service from Bill W. read by John**

### District Reports:

**District 1** Hello, my name is Libby and I have the honor and privilege of being the DCM for District 1. Welcome everyone to the first assembly of the new panel. It's been non-stop excitement so far for me in the three months I've been DCM. We've had three district meetings with a host of GSR's who are eager to get involved in service to AA. All our district positions are filled including liaisons positions to all the committees like Grapevine, Archives, PI, CPC, etc. We've added having a summary of a Tradition by our Alternate DCM and having one of the GSR's summarizing a Concept each month to help those newer in service to become more familiar and be a refresher to those of us longer in service. We've started planning our first District workshop which will be May 4th at the GVG club. The topic will be 12th step work and will involve presentations from the Bridging the Gap committee, the Hotline and others. It will be from 2 to 4 and of course snacks will be provided. Look for our flyers. My district sent me to PRAASA in Irvine. Where I was honored to represent my district and Area 42. I was asked to do a presentation. It was pretty nerve racking as I was expecting to be doing a presentation to a small group. When I got there and looked at the agenda, I realized to my horror that I was going to be making my presentation to the entire group from the main stage. That's when I found out you can't read a presentation when it's shaking and that seven minutes is an incredibly long time. Thank god no one asked me any questions. Other than that, I loved PRAASA and would recommend that everyone in service go as often as they can. I felt like my AA service batteries got a charge. I also got to partake in the conference agenda process by being a mentor to a few people who were doing the summaries, as well as being a co-chair for Reports and Charter committee. You'll hear from the committee at some point this weekend. It was a lot of fun working with various people, they were all awesome. Working behind the scenes helping people and having someone else going to the podium is much more my speed. I should mention one of the first things the outgoing DCM's mentioned to me was that District One was the lucky winner of the

Southern Area Chili Cook-off last year. That meant we got to host this year's event. So in short order we got the event organized and was held March 23, and thank the Chili gods, we lost. District 7 was the winner and will be the host for next year's event. While the event was well attended by people looking for chili, we only had 4 people show up with chili. I have some suggestions for next year's event I want to share with the other DCMs to see what we can do to spice the event up (sorry for the pun). I think that's everything for now. And to think in my early sobriety I was worried about how I was going to fill my time if I wasn't going to be drinking. Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

**District 2** District 2 has about 12 groups represented regularly. Group issues tend to be missing items from rooms shared with other AA groups and difficulty filling services positions in groups. One group has been working for months on eliminating the wording from a reading at the beginning of the meeting. They want to remove the word "backbone" from the statement "newcomers are the lifeblood and backbone of AA". District 2 is doing well financially and has made contributions to GSO, Area 42, NAGSC, and Northern Nevada Intergroup since the Fall Assembly. District 2 is working on increasing fellowship amongst its members. We will be hosting the NNIG Speaker Meeting on Saturday April 13th at the Silver Legacy. We are also hosting a GSR training on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at about noon at the church on Sunnyside in Reno. District 2 had elections last November and the DCM, treasurer, and secretary were re-elected because they have not yet served a full term. A new alt-DCM named Nick was elected. Thanks Nick. Many thanks to District 2 for allowing me the opportunity to be of service. Joel B.

Chairman, Paul asks for a motion to accept the Fall 2018 Minutes. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>/ Unanimously accepted.

**District 5b** Hello everyone my name is Ron D. and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is 12/10/1999. I am the DCM for 5B. District 5B is well and growing. Our last district meeting we had 37 GSRs and Alt GSRs on attendance. We had 5 GSRs and one Alt GSR at Praasa. District 5B is having a workshop April 13 at the keystone club at 2525 north Decatur in Las Vegas at 2 PM. The topic is What does a GSR do and we will have three panel speakers. We had myself and 4 GSRs stepped up and did summaries of the general assembly topics. We have a new communications committee and chair tasked with reaching out to the groups that don't have a GSRs and invite them to general service. I'm excited that district 5b will continue to serve and be involved in making our primary purpose a reality for the alcoholic who still suffers.

**District 6** Hello Area 42. My name is Drew, an Alcoholic, and I am humbly serving as the Panel 69 DCM for Dist 6. It is good to be at Assembly, and it is good to be sober today. Dist 6 encompasses Carson City, South Lake Tahoe, the Carson Valley to include Topaz Ranch Estates, and the Dayton Valley area. Our district meets on the 2nd Sun of even numbered months at the Carson City Alano Club. All our district committee chair positions are filled. We have an active district. Elise, our Grapevine Rep and Corrections chair Ed have working to put together workshops for us later this spring. Andrea, our nagsc PI Chair, will be making a presentation at our biz meeting next week. We are still working on getting our dist boundaries to match the area map. Our district hosts an annual Founders Day Picnic... this year is to be at the Mormon Station in Genoa on Sat, Jun 8th. so save that date. Many thanks to the NAGSC Body and our Alt Julie for enabling us to get the background information to our home groups. It is my opinion that our GSRs were able to take clear and concise info back to their groups. My home group held its Group Sharing Session today (as I write this report) and my GSR flat out nailed it! I am excited to send Rhonda off to NY with an informed group conscience and looking forward to hear her report. I hope to assist my dist with a traditions workshop and anything else that they ask of me. I love my home group, I love you guys, and I love Alcoholics Anonymous. thanks for allowing me to serve, Drew H.

**District 8** January and March went well for most of our meetings, with Mammoth Lakes seeing lots of out of town visitors coming to ski all of our amazing snow. We had a heck of a month in the Eastern Sierra's, and that really affected our meeting attendance in February- all the way from Bridgeport to Lonepine. In fact, we had more snow in Feb. than ever recorded! The GSR's are canvassing all of our groups to get ideas to host workshops. We have already booked a "History of AA" play written and directed by a fellow AA member from Southern California scheduled for October, 2019. We will have people from S. Cal come and participate in the play, as well as people in our district. I will provide more information to the area when the event is nearer to date. We are also in discussion of perhaps hosting a play on the History of the Grapevine- at our 2020 annual campout in Mammoth Lakes. More information to come. Our district is so spread out, and many of the meetings are in very small mountain towns. We have started up our Unity Ride again, and get a group of members every other month to travel to the smaller meetings to boost their attendance and provide them support. Our district also host an annual Chili Feed in Bishop CA in June. It is great fun, we usually have a good turnout, and fellowship and music. The district is also in discussion of perhaps adding a Spanish Speakers Meeting in Bishop Ca. Also want to let everyone know that Mammoth Lakes will again have their annual campout, last week of August before Labor Day. We have speakers, lots of food, hikes and fun. Come check out the Sierras in the summer! That's it for now. Thanks! Julie D. District 8 DCM

**District 9** Hi everyone, I am Pam, an alcoholic, serving as your panel 69 DCM District 9. We Co-Sponsored Refreshments at the SWACYPA Powerless and Unmanageable Workshop on Jan 19, 2019, at the New Stairway Club. Myself and District GSRs attending meetings outside our Home Groups to promote participation and GSR representation and the importance of each voice/vote. Yours in Service Pam M

**District 10A** I am the present DCM for Dist. 10a, which covers AA Groups/Meetings in the Elko County area including Battle Mountain. I was nominated for and accepted that position in December of 2018. I am appreciative of the additional workload upon my person and honored to be here again in Tonopah and to share spiritual sober lifestyles and experiences with all of you. An Item of interest is that as far as I know, Tonopah was derived from Shoshone words which are Tonon-Bah which means water under the sage brush. Perhaps a spring that ran out from under the tall sagebrush a long time ago. To the Shoshone People it is a place of good spirit and exactly what this gathering is about. I did attend the Northern Area Service Committee Meeting in Fallon

on December 1, 2018. Highlights for me were the final reports from the outgoing Area 42 District DCM's and did amount to reflections of their dedication and sacrifice to a high dimension of services. Lively action centered on elections and appointment to various NAGSC service positions and committees. I did attend the Northern Area General Service Roundtables held in Reno on March 09, 2019. Numerous 2019 General Service agenda item summaries were discussed and raising of hands or not, were recognized with feeling. Committee Chairpersons for the various agenda items presented the history and travels of the agenda items. DISTRICT 10A HAPPENINGS: All of our District 10a committee positions are filled. The November 2018 Gratitude Dinner was a success with a speaker from District 14, Fallon area. There were a lot of turkeys present, for a while. The March 2019 St. Patrick's Day Dinner was quite packed as evidenced by the devouring of ample portions of corn beef and cabbage and sweet deserts. This turned to be a much appreciated source of needed funds. A trusted member of the Elko Group does provide a Men's AA Meeting every Friday at the Vitality Residential Treatment Center in Elko. He has been doing this service for a number of years and also serves as a valued liaison between that treatment center and AA. He did give me permission to use his name which is Orion. A trusted member of the Battle Mountain Group does provide an AA Meeting once a week at the Lander County Detention Center. To be allowed into that facility to hold such a meeting is quite an accomplishment and a responsibility and Joe is the person that initiated a way to help others in need. Ronnie D. DCM

**District 10b** Dark

**District 12** Our new rotation has started out rather interestingly, however we are very optimistic. We have filled all of our district positions. We have been working on generating excitement for general service and are bribing members with food at our district meetings. District 12 has gained participation from Yerington - and we are excited to welcome them (back) to our district. We are working on making it out to some of our smaller towns to try and generate additional participation

We hosted the nags meeting in Fallon in December and it was amazing as you can all imagine - ask everyone who was there about the giant rocking horses. We have successfully started participating in bridging the gap and with the help of Pat now are carrying the message to a rehab in Fallon.

**District 15 (from CD)** I'm Dave, an alcoholic and unprepared as usual. Nothing really to report except that we are not dark. Dimly lit, but not Dark. Thank you.

**District 14** located from the North Lake Tahoe Basin, to Sierra County North – Downieville, Sierra City, Sierraville and Loyalton. Our District has 12 Groups, with 7 Groups represented at the District Committee meetings and there are a total of 56 meetings in the Area. District 14 website is NorthTahoeAA.Com. Our meetings are linked to the "Find a Meeting" App and District 14 Committee meetings are held every Odd Month, 3RD Wednesday, from 5pm to 6:50pm. District 14 holds Quarterly Speaker/Panel/Workshop meetings hosted by various Groups in the District. Our Fall Quarterly meeting, is our Annual Jamboree – BBQ / Alanon / AA Speaker shin ding. We will be looking for a Jamboree Committee Chairperson at the next meeting. TITYPAA – Tahoe Incline Truckee Young People in AA is on FIRE. TITYPAA committee meetings are held every 1ST and 3RD Sunday, starting at 6pm, located at the United Methodist Church, corner of Dolly Varden and Bear Street – 8425 Dolly Varden Avenue, Kings Beach. TITYPAA is going to bid for SWACYPAA – Southwestern Area Conference of Young People in AA, where SWACYPAA is being held this year in Las Vegas, August 15TH to the 18TH, Be There! TITYPAA has started a new meeting – BYOB meeting – Bring Your Own Big Book Meeting, held every Sunday, at 7:30pm, at the United Methodist Church, Corner of Bear Street and Dolly Varden – 8425 Dolly Varden Avenue, Kings Beach. Be there because it is LIT AS ..... TITYPAA is hosting District 14's next Quarterly Speaker Meeting, May 11TH, at the Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay. It's going to be a Speaker Panel Meeting, with (3) YPAA Conference Committee members, or so, speaking about the YPAA Conference experience. The meeting will be followed by an Event – Look for the Flyer to come soon and at websites – NNIG.org and NorthTahoeAA.org. District 14 does have an issue regarding the District 14 Guidelines, as proposed by one of the groups in the District. District 14 Guidelines allow District Officers to Vote; There are 10 District Officer Votes and 12 Group Votes – where presently, only 7 Groups are being represented. We'll let you know how this works out. Myself and other GSRs in the District, had the opportunity to attend this year's 2019 PRAASA in Irvine, California – It was a Kick in the Pants. 2020 PRAASA will be held in Tucson, Arizona. Love and Service Steve L. aka Scooby Doo

**District 16** The District now has 2 GSR's and 1 alternate coming to the District meeting. I have been attending numerous meetings talking to them about general Service. We are beginning to get some positive response. I will continue to carry the General Service information to the groups District 16 and District 4 will host the June NAGSC meeting. Yours in Service, Barbara M.

**District 17** Good evening, my name is John and I'm an alcoholic. I am acting DCM for District #17 which includes Pahrump, Sandy Valley, Beatty and Tecopa, California. Our meeting in Furnace Creek, Death Valley went dark last month as the contact person got re-assigned to Yellowstone National Park. Attendance is picking up in Pahrump as 4 new meetings started within the past 6 months. Events included a Talent/No Talent Contest & Chili Cookoff on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. John

**District 19 (from CD)** 2 members here. Flynn, alcoholic here to represent Dist. 19, we have been dark for half a dozen years. About a month ago we had a business meeting, with all the group's secretaries, to come out of darkness and have a representative, all unanimously declined. Jim C. and I decided we would become GSR's for our groups. We have 5 groups in the White Pine County area. We are happy to be here and thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

**District 20** Hello my name is Jay I am an alcoholic and the District Committee Member for District 20. My thanks to District 20 for funding my trip to PRAASA it was a wonderful event. We have had a great turnout for our District Meetings. The last one held on March 16th was followed by a potluck and A "Round the Table" discussion of conference questions. District 20 is so excited to be hosting the refreshments for the spring 2019 Area 42 Assembly. We would like to welcome our co-host SWACYPAA (Southwestern Area Conference of Young People in AA.) They are also very excited for an opportunity to be of

service and join with us for this event. Thank you to everybody in District 20 for all of your help and support. We have been very busy planning new events and preparing to be of more service. Thank you for the opportunity to Stand as the Dist. 20 DCM. **District 21** We held our meetings every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm but now we will have those meetings the first and the third Thursday only at the Hispanic Central Office located at 3111 S. Valley Blvd Suite A-208. This is the new address since January of the present year. The first meeting is for GSRs and Committees report. The second one will be to discuss topics and review the 12 Concepts. The fifth Thursday will be to meet with the Hispanic Central Office officers to discuss about the expenses and matters related with the office. This is because now we are sharing the same location to hold our meetings. We are trying this because we can visit the groups more often as a District. The other two Thursdays or any other day if they want it, but not Wednesdays that we are visiting groups or Thursdays that we are in the office, we can work with them in: Traditions, Concepts workshops, or if the group decides for us to share with the topic of that night, we will do it. The point is to make the Unity with them, especially with those who don't have a GSR which until now are two groups only. Also, GSRs suggested to the committees to stop rolling the 7th Tradition basket for them in the District but they offered to support with volunteer donations tickets and join them in their visit roll to the groups to strengthen their treasury, as well as to join us in our visit roll to the groups as a District. If the group passes a 7th Tradition basket for the District, that basket will be for the committee that has the next event to do. Until now most of the groups are responding satisfactory. In our visit roll we used to visit the groups every Monday but now we are going to do it on Wednesdays, because some groups have their business meetings on Mondays and we can visit the groups on Wednesdays when IGRs have their meetings at the office on the same day. We have 16 groups counting Mesquite, PI, FORUM, H&I, ARCHIVES, and LA VIÑA committees. We held our election meeting for these committees but sadly we don't have volunteers for PI and Archives at the moment. Our Forum committee is working in the next event for this year which will take place the next May 5th from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Elegant Banquet Hall located at 3020 E. Bonanza Ave suite #110 Las Vegas NV. H&I is carrying the message to the jails in Henderson, Indian Springs, and the ABC facility. La Viña keeps the groups informed about their events and what they do and they're motivating the registrations to receive the La Viña magazine every two months, as well as the support to the committee for the next 23rd anniversary event of La Viña in Fresno CA on July 26, 27 and 28. We have our Traditions workshop with the groups using the "Traditions Checklist Pamphlet". We are attending the meetings at the panel 69th SAGSC DCMs at the Tie Club. We went to PRAASA and we are trying to keep our groups informed about A.A. matters. Thank you all for let us be at service: DCM Samuel M. DCM ALT. Daniel F. TREASURER Andres S. TREASURER ALT. Angel L. SECRETARY Genobeba G. SECRETARY ALT. Enrique

**District 22 (from CD)** Hello everyone, I'm Tony alcoholic. Dist. 22 is formed by 22 groups. 11 have active GSR's. Business meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month we have a Study meeting which we study Traditions and concepts. We meet at Central Office on rock blvd in Sparks. We visited each group on the Agenda topics. We have a PI Committee that has recorded 3 psa's in the past year with the local Spanish radio station. It is free and airs every Sunday at 6am. Thank you to the Corrections and Public Information Committees that gave presentations in Feb. and March. Presentations were helpful. Thank you for the unconditional support and making us feel welcome at the Area meetings. Thank you for service, Tony

#### **NAGSC and SAGSC Committee Chair Reports:**

**NAGSC Corrections** Hello everyone, Pat, Alcoholic, and currently serving as your NAGSC Corrections Committee Chair. I am so pleased to be here because I have so much to tell you.....about myself. I'd like to start with what may be the most important part of my report and that is that an A.A. member need Not have the experience of being incarcerated in order to be of service to a Corrections Committee. In fact, many times the opposite is true. We need volunteers with "clean finger prints". Sometimes what happens is some of us do wind up behind the bars. And when we do, we can't wait to get out. After we get out, and after time in A.A., we can't get back in! So we need people with no incarceration records, clean finger prints, to help us carry the message in correctional facilities. Those of us with records do get cleared as volunteers in many cases. Full training is provided for those who want to be of Service in correctional facilities. Fellowship members can be of Service to the Corrections Committee in three primary ways: • Participate in taking meetings into facilities • Being willing to become a Corrections Correspondent and share your recovery experience, strength, and hope through the mail with an inmate who has asked for this service • Being willing to take a parolee to their first A.A. meeting in your community once they are released. I have information on all three service opportunities back at the Corrections Committee table in the back of the room. Throughout the Northern Nevada Service area I am trying to coordinate corrections service work with our Districts that cover 5 State of California facilities, 3 California County facilities, 8 State of Nevada facilities, 6 Nevada county facilities, and one Federal Correctional Institution. With California facilities I work in cooperation and coordination with the Northern California H&I Committee. Now, an activity update: I am most pleased to announce a new corrections service opportunity with the Northern Nevada Transitional Housing facility, (NNTH). This is a State of Nevada Correctional Facility located in downtown Reno that serves as a transfer point for inmates from other State facilities where inmates can begin to make the transition from prison to society. On February 19th NNIG Corrections Chair Charlotte C., committee member Tim H., and I met with four representatives from this correctional facility to discuss installing an A.A. meeting within the facility. Their reaction was exceptionally positive and they are very anxious for our Corrections Committee to organize our resources to bring A.A. behind the walls at NNTH. The target timing of the weekly meeting is Sundays from 10AM - 11AM. This service opportunity was announced during the NNIG monthly meeting on March 5th and I am announcing this opportunity today for our General Service structure. We are positioning this service opportunity as a once per month commitment for interested Fellowship members. A flyer announcing this opportunity is available. Interested Fellowship members can fill out a Nevada Department of Corrections volunteer application and following security clearance, will attend an orientation training workshop facilitated by Nevada Department of Corrections personnel. Applications are available by contacting NAGSC Corrections Chair Pat B., NNIG Corrections Chair Charlotte C., or

Rhonda at the Central Office. The effort to expand the Corrections Committee presence at the Washoe County Detention Facility on Parr Blvd. in Reno was furthered recently by the attendance of 10 Fellowship members at the County's Department of Corrections training seminar on February 23rd. At present, one male Fellowship member and one female Fellowship member have been working alone taking recovery meetings into the Parr Blvd. facility. We are looking forward to increasing the number of meetings at this facility once those who attended the training seminar are contacted with their final security clearance by Washoe County Department of Corrections. Orientation training for this facility is offered approximately every 6 months. Additional volunteers are most certainly welcome to participate in the next orientation training seminar and can contact me for further information. On February 9th I had the pleasure of participating in the Douglas County Corrections Committee meeting. This District 6 committee serves corrections activities at the County Detention Facility located in Minden, NV. An exceptional attendance of over 25 Fellowship members participated in this meeting all in the interest in carrying the message behind the walls of the Douglas County jail. The focal point of my participation was the Corrections Correspondence Service for members both outside the walls and inside, and the Corrections Pre-Release Contact program which allows an inmate to obtain a temporary contact beyond the walls who can help the inmate make the transition to A.A. in a community following their release from prison or jail. On February 21st I was most pleased to participate in the District 22 monthly meeting at the invitation of DCM Tony A. Service opportunities in three primary areas were presented and discussed; volunteering to carry meetings into correctional facilities, the Corrections Correspondence Service, and being available as a Pre-Release contact for an inmate transitioning from A.A. behind the walls to A.A. in the community to which they are released. I am so happy our service materials are available in Spanish through our General Service Office. Up in District 20 Susanville, Alturas, CA to be specific, we have a core of dedicated members with the desire to carry our message into the California Prison Fire Camp Devil's Garden and I am coordinating their clearance process through the California Department of Corrections. Also in District 20, we have a critical need for additional corrections volunteers to take meetings into High Desert State Prison in Susanville. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend PRASSA in general and in specific, the Corrections Round Table events that provided the open exchange of ideas and effective trends in corrections work throughout the A.A. Pacific Region. In Service, Pat B.

**NAGSC CPC** My name is Samantha G. and I am an alcoholic. I am excited to serve as this rotation's CPC committee chair! This is a short report as I have not really gotten my feet wet in this position yet. One task I am taking care of is responding to the GSO CPC Coordinator's letter regarding several professionals who recently contacted GSO and requested information about AA. Since these professionals are all located in the Las Vegas portion of Area 42, I am forwarding their information to the SAGSC CPC chair. Aside from that, one district has already invited me to come give a presentation. My paid job is keeping me very busy at the moment, but that will slow down this month. Then I will have more time to focus on finding out what the districts and groups may need regarding this committee. Thank you for allowing me to serve. In love and service, Samantha G,  
**SAGSC CPC and PI** Hello, Area 42! Thank you for allowing us to serve you as your Southern Area 42 Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Chairs. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you. Holly P. continues to serve as the PI Chair. Stacia Y. has stepped up as our new CPC Chair and Elizabeth O. as the new CPC Co-Chair since the last Assembly. We are excited to have them on our team! We work closely with the Accessibilities Committee and we have all been very, very busy carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals who work with alcoholics in the raw and to members of the general public – in English and Spanish. We set up information tables at events, and those people who want what we have come to us. We do not promote AA. We are frequently the least popular table at an event, but there's always someone ..... Since our report in September, we have attended many events, including a monthly literature table at the Giving Project, which reaches out to our veterans, and the Pop Up Homeless Connect, which provides information to our homeless brothers and sisters who are suffering from this disease. We have staffed tables at the: • Canon Middle School Open House • Rally For Recovery • National Night Out with multiple Police departments • Christmas Celebration & Health Fair • Veterans Service Fair • Counseling Advances Conference • Clark County Employee Health & Wellness Fair • Mobile Health Collaborative with UNLV Med School & the Health Department • Foundation for Recovery Nevada Statewide Recovery Network • Project Homeless Connect • Black Monday TINHIH • Hope Las Vegas • AA Service Festival • We attend monthly meetings of the Pact Coalition, Nevada Homeless Alliance, and the Mayor's Faith Initiative and attend all SAGSC & Las Vegas Intergroup meetings and Service Festival. We attend any AA event we're invited to. Hint, hint! To help educate our fellowship about what we do, we submit information to the Area 42 Newsletter and the Las Vegas Silver Streak. We are very grateful to our enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. Our busy seasons are spring and fall, and this spring is no exception. We have several events coming up. Please see the flyers on the table for more information about how you and your sponsees can help.

**NAGSC Grapevine** Hi there my name is Mark and I'm an alcoholic. As your new northern area 42 grapevine chair I am happy to report that so far things are going pretty well. While I have yet to actually put on any workshops or presentations I am in contact with reps from 3 different districts and hoping to schedule visits to them and others. As far as a committee is concerned right now I seem to be a committee of one however I have approached the GVR from District 14 and he has some interest in helping us out at NAGSC as far as putting on workshops etc. I invite anyone interested in doing grapevine work in the northern area 42 to get ahold of me and we will talk. I also invite all GSRs and/or DCMs in the north to contact me regarding presentations at district meetings or workshops within those districts. Most of my time recently has been focused on networking with April J (SAGSC grapevine cochair) and others regarding the actual general service conference agenda items for the grapevine. April and I are part of yet another committee consisting of members from NAGSC and SAGSC. We are a committee whose responsibilities, while not completely clear to me, include working with others in the area to help carry the message of AA with information and education regarding the AA Grapevine and La Vina as recovery resources. We have most recently been preparing presentations of certain grapevine agenda items for discussion here at assembly. I would like to publicly thank Pat S- the previous NAGSC Grapevine Chair- for his guidance so far with the grapevine position. He passed along not only some

wisdom and experience but also about 8 large boxes full of wonderful grapevine related materials. You can visit us at the table in the back and April or I will be happy to try to answer any of your grapevine questions. So what's new with the grapevine? One of the latest is the Grapevine 75th anniversary toolkit. This kit includes: ◦ 1 year Grapevine Complete subscription: 12 issues of GV print and online; ◦ 12 issues of audio recordings ◦ 1 year access to the GV Story Archive ◦ The GV book, "One On One" about sponsorship in action ◦ The Twelve Traditions Checklist As well as: ◦ 75th Anniversary stickers and ◦ bookmarks (5 of each) ◦ Information on how to be a Grapevine Representative (GVR) Info on this new item and much more are available for your perusal at the grapevine desk. That's it for now, thank you for letting me be of service.

**SAGSC Grapevine** Hello, My name is April and I'm an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as your southern area 42 grapevine chair. I've been passionate about grapevine for the past few years and am very excited to have my chance to serve in this capacity. Since our last assembly, Grapevine had a table at the annual round up Thanksgiving weekend which went very well and we made some great sales. So far this year, Grapevine was required to give a small report about the committee and purpose at the annual service festival at the TIE club. Later this year, I am planning a writing workshop for the fall. If anyone outside of the Las Vegas area would like a Grapevine table at their event or would like me to come speak to their district or group to give a small presentation about grapevine and/or La Vina, I am more than willing to travel with enough notice in advance. My goal this year is to get more people involved and excited about the grapevine. If you know of anyone or would like to become a GV or La Vina representative, please come see me. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**SAGSC GSR Trainer** My name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as the Southern Area GSR Trainer. Our first meeting for the new rotation attracted 24 new GSRs, which was a really awesome sight to see! During the training, I gave a brief background of how we function as an Area, why we do it this way. I went over the Group Change Form, reviewed some really helpful literature to assist in the position, and then tackled the GSR Survival Guide. Since then, I have attended a business meeting for a group in District 15 and did a training for our linguistics district in the South - District 21. I will be presenting at a GSR workshop for District 5b next Saturday - April 13th from 2-4pm at the Keystone Club. I have asked the GSRs and the Southern Area to use me. This position is such a valuable one and I am willing and available to do whatever I can to make sure that our GSRs are prepared, informed, and excited to serve! I was fortunate to attend my 6th PRAASA in Irvine, CA. At the GSR Roundtable, I focused on the issues that GSRs are having in their new positions. I found that most who attended were first years, like a majority of you. Some of the hot topics were based around adversity in their homegroups from long timers, how to present information to a disinterested homegroup, how to get more folks engaged in General Service, what responsibility does a GSR have when it comes to Traditions, when should my group have a group inventory and where do I get the information? I will try to incorporate these into future trainings and am open to other questions/comments/concerns from our body as well. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

**NAGSC Intergroup Liaison** My name is Pat. I am an alcoholic and I am humbled to serve as the Northern Nevada liaison between NAGSC of General Service and NNIG, which is alphabet soup for Northern Nevada Intergroup. I am grateful for the AA members who have served in this post before me, as they have done much to foster understanding between these two entities. Basically, my job is to tell NAGSC what NNIG is doing, and vice versa. A couple of the current NNIG activities: • Northern Nevada Intergroup is in the early stages of looking for a new Central Office. This is in part because it currently has no space for its new archives display. Our Area Archivist, Lyle, is working with Intergroup in its effort to create its own archives. • They are in the process of creating a new Website, and until that is completed will not be able to have meetings on the new AA World Services meeting finder, but continue to list them at NNIG-dot-org. Finally, I hope to host a workshop for the two entities sometime later this year, probably in the Reno area. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**SAGSC DCM Coordinator** Justin alcoholic. I'm Very excited to be a part of panel 69 general service! I'm great full to Jake for appointing this position to me. Dcm coordinator Works with the DCMs to assist them with their duties. Also, Conducts a meeting of the DCMs prior to every SAGSC and during the area assembly with the Nagsc dcm coordinator, prior to the Sunday session. There is a google group set up that has been emailed to the DCMs and anyone else who wants to be on it we have events listed in there as well as discussion for AA related issues. Google groups name Panel 69 DCMs. I brought up some upcoming events flyers please feel free to take them. They are geared to southern AA but have some AA events from all over on there too. Praasa was a very educational experience for me. The dcm roundtable and panel presentations help me to become a more informed trusted servant. One big take away for me is how diverse AA is and how inclusivity is a big topic now. Next year PRAASA is in Tucson. General service can be a rewarding and overwhelming commitment. I don't know where I've grown more in AA recovery meetings or in general service. Let's work together to fulfill our primary purpose. Be sure to let me know of any upcoming events to put on the flyer.

**NAGSC PI** Hello friends of Area 42, my name is Andrea and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your Northern Area Public Information Chair and thank you for the opportunity. I have been cooperating with Northern Nevada Intergroup Public Information Committee, to bring AA presentations to our area high school students in their Health classes. The presentation is a Washoe County School District approved piece, expressing what AA does and does not do. We have a good response from the students and I am very grateful to be a part of this service. We were able to refill the literature display with AA pamphlets at Sparks High school and deliver a literature display to the Health class at Reno High. We have additional presentations scheduled for the months of April and May. I was in contact with Washoe County Library, and offered to provide additional Spanish Language Big Books for their shelves. They said their supply is sufficient for the demand and thanked me for the offer. I wish they would have made room for more Big Books to be Checked -Out. On March 21st, I made my 1st PI presentation with District 22. Thank you for having me Tony! I was very happy to be with your group and have the experience. I also have future District Public Information Presentations scheduled for April and May with District 6 and District 4. Thank you for allowing me to be of service! Andrea

**SAGSC H&I** Sue, Alcoholic Hospital & Treatment Center Chair. Greetings from Alan V., H&I Chair from Las Vegas. (Who couldn't be here today) As of March 2019 the Las Vegas H&I committee is bringing over 300 meetings a month as well as literature & books into treatment & correctional facilities. We can always use more volunteers for this needed & gratifying service. The list of panels including panel leader contact info is available at our monthly meeting, 6pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month in the meeting room next to LV Central Office. We are hosting an H&I workshop on April 13, 1:30pm, at the TIE Club, 329 N 11<sup>th</sup> St., LV. Everyone is welcome. The purpose of the workshop is to help more members get involved in H&I by telling them what we do, and why we do it, and how to participate. A 5 person ad-hoc committee was appointed in January to review & update our guidelines which are over 10 years old. The committee is diligently meeting as frequently as possible to timely complete this task. By updating the guidelines we hope to function more effectively & efficiently to carry AA's message of recovery from alcoholism is available in any circumstance, and to improve our unity. Finally, Las Vegas H&I has expressed their interest in hosting the National AA Corrections Conference in Las Vegas in 2021, and we look forward to submitting our proposal for that

**NAGSC Treatment/BTG** - Pat, outgoing chair, and I met for training. Pat handed off paper and electronic files with info on ongoing and developing treatment and BTG activities in urban and rural northern Nevada. The NAGSC BTG committee includes volunteers engaged in 12 step work at treatment facilities in NNIG districts 2, 4, and 16, and districts 6 (Carson City, BHS) and 12 (Fallon, New Frontier); temporary contact coordination in district 20 (Susanville, Lassen County), and, temporary contact volunteers in districts 10a (Elko and nearby towns) as well as outreach to SAGSC district 19 (Ely). I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with Pat and to have a model of general service that is welcoming and cooperative, in the spirit of anonymity. - PRAASA roundtable produced substantial practical information about coordination between AA and 12th step work at treatment facilities. At the CPC/PI-Treatment-BTG Roundtable, CPC and Treatment chairs described a CPC/Treatment Facility playbook for AA coordination with hospital and treatment facility administrators and staff to facilitate client 12 step work on a one to one basis. The playbook, developed in Seattle, will (hopefully) be distributed to those Roundtable participants. Interest was expressed in the Orientation to AA presentations made by AA members at the Bristlecone treatment facility in Reno and Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services treatment facility in Carson City. (Reminder - follow up with Orientation to AA coordinators to find out about sharing information outside NAGSC Area 42, based on interest at PRAASA roundtable.) - As part of the Treatment/Accessibility Conference Committee, we worked together to complete the topic selection process with DCMs and Area 42 officers in the north and south. Setting up a conference call through online service was relatively easy, and proved an efficient way to communicate with members in northern and southern Nevada. We had a lively, well informed discussion on the treatment and accessibility topics, aided by committee members who had prepared summaries for topics assigned to the T/A conference committee this year and in recent years. I gained some practical communication tools in this exercise and learned how deeply AA members care about the substance of the topics we suggest the GSC consider. - Attending Northern Nevada Inter-Group's (NNIG) Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) monthly meetings and working cooperatively with the H&I treatment and BTG chairs is proving worthwhile. We, me and the District 6 CPC coordinator, Terry N (also Alt Treatment Chair for NNIG H&I) are setting up avenues of communication and finding where we can coordinate to support recovery meetings, Bridging the Gap, Orientation to AA presentations, and distribution of literature into treatment facilities in urban and rural districts. Opportunities for 12th step activities exist with ongoing development of BTG service committees in Lassen County, CA and Elko, supporting the continuation BTG service committees in Fallon, Carson City, Reno and Sparks, and seeking opportunities for recovery meetings at inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities in Northern Nevada in coordination with the NAGSC CPC chair and district CPC. - Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services in Carson City hosts Orientation to AA presentations, Bridging the Gap presentations and contact coordination, and AA recovery meetings for clients and for AA members. A workshop June 23 will bring together the AA service coordinators and volunteers and BHS staff to present information on these activities and learn how AA and the professional community mutually support 12th step work at BHS and possibly other treatment facilities. AA members who wish to volunteer will have an opportunity to do so. - On March 23, I am glad to go and meet the BTG coordinator at New Frontier treatment facility in Fallon, Tracy B., and learning how BTG works there in District 12. Getting to know one another is fun and heartening, and getting to see how 12th step work gets done is fascinating. The reliance and confidence we have in AA's spirit of service continues to amaze me. Letting go of outcomes is a blessing. - I just finished registering for Area 42 Pre-conference Assembly - about two weeks away. Got jammed up finding my way out of the Brown Paper Ticket and called Debbie S. who handily helped me through that trial and tribulation. I am so looking forward to the drive through eastern Nevada and western Nevada with AA friends, and, moreover, reaching the humble and welcoming confines of the Tonopah Convention Center. In advance, thank you so much, those who make the improbable possible - the mixture of alcoholics getting committee-ed up and worked-up just enough to pull off another Area Assembly. Truly a miracle of recovered sanity and just enough spirituality to stay sober another day.

**SAGSC Accessibilities** Hi. My name is Mattie and I'm an alcoholic. It's my honor and privilege to be your SAGSC Accessibilities Chair. This is my second year as Accessibilities Chair and it's been a great year. Accessibilities has our monthly service meetings in conjunction with Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community. We share a list of events that relate to Remote Communities and other communities that are less able to receive the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. As a coordinated team we are able to help carry the A.A. message to those who may not be able to hear the message in the same others are. For example, we've found when attending events for the homeless community like the Giving Project that this community struggles getting information about A.A. meetings. We are able to provide meeting directories and other information at these events. Through events like this, both to professionals and the potential alcoholic, we are able to bring information and hope. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of ensuring that the message is carried to all potential alcoholics in Southern Nevada. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**NAGSC DCM Coordinator (from CD)** Hi, I'm Anne, your DCM Coordinator from the North. We had our first NAGSC meeting. We had a great turnout. We had a discussion on how to get people to participate. Thank you for letting men be of service.

**SWACCYPAA (from CD)** Hi, my name is Colton, an alcoholic. Dave is not here, and our chair is on her way. I am one of the other Liaison's. SWACCYPAA is South Western Area Conference of Young People in AA. This is the first year that our conference will be held in Las Vegas. Our reason for bidding is that our rule is to not avoid places where there is drinking if we have a legitimate reason for being there. We have a lot of young alcoholics in Las Vegas. If you have been relieved of the the obsession you can go anywhere you want. It is being hosted at the Plaza Hotel and Casino on August 15-18<sup>th</sup>. The states represented will be Utah, Colorado, Arizona, parts of California and of course, Nevada. We have a historic amount of registrations this year. We are hosting multiple events across Las Vegas. We will have a Diversity Panel on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Chair will be here shortly.

**RENVYPAA (from CD)** Hi, I'm Noel an alcoholic. Tyler couldn't be this weekend so I'm going to fill in for him. We have a few things going on. RENVYPAA is Reno Nevada Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. January we put a bid in for WACYPAA, which is Western Area Conference of Young People in AA. It was actually awarded to LA this coming year, but we had a lot of money so we had the opportunity to bring a van with a bunch of newcomers and pay for rooms. It was an amazing experience. We will be bidding for that again this year. April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm we have an event. We have a campout coming up with the theme, 'A Spiritual Experience', in Taylorsville, Ca. June 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Our website is RENVYPAA.com. We have a Facebook page that's secret, if you would like to be added. We have open positions. We are doing well. We have been assisting other areas nearby getting started. Fernley just started a yp, FERYPAA. That's all I have for RENVYPAA.

**NORCAL BID (from CD)** Newly formed for ICYPAA, I'm their Area 42 Liaison (Noel), but I have a friend from the Bay area that's here...Hi guys, Josh, alcoholic for the Norcal bid for ICYPAA, thank you for allowing us to be here today. ICYPAA is International Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. It is the biggest conference for young people. This year it will be held in Boston on Aug. 22-25<sup>th</sup>. Our hope is to bring it to California. We put on events, give opportunities to be of service. Our meetings are held the last Sunday of the month at the Napa Recovery Center. We have been trying to spread the word about the bid and help out at district and area levels, set up advisory panels for the Statewide Conference. Our hope is to carry the message to as many young alcoholics as we can. Our vision for the conference is to create a lasting impact on our areas, even after the conference has ended. Thank you guys, I appreciate being of service.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Tomorrow, during lunch, the YPAA's are going to have their meeting in the Blue Room. Last assembly, we voted to support the Statewide Committee. If you are interested in that, show up.

**INTERPRETOR (from CD)** Tony, alcoholic, translator from the South. In the past we have only been able to translate reports here, this year, thanks to Diana, we have been able to translate everything. Guide lines, presentations, everything. We have got stacks of paper. Please go off the coffee when you're making your report. At the translation, it is a lot longer than your presentation, because the words are different. I need your cooperation. We have been trying to get the Spanish Districts to participate at the assembly. Today we only a few, tomorrow we will probably have twenty, so I need your cooperation. Thank You.

**TRANSLATION (from CD)** Hi, my name is Diana. I'm an alcoholic and I'm very honored to be here and be of service. Thank you so much. I really love my Hispanic community and would do anything to help them. Thank you so much.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- We are right on time, we will take a short 15 minute break.
- Please send your group's Area Contribution to the Area Treasury PO Box.
- GSR's will meet here in the main room at 8pm.. If you are not a GSR, this Orientation would be helpful for you to understand the Service Conference. What it is, Agenda Topics, etc.

Break 7:45

Resume 8:00

#### **Area Committee Meeting (Blue Room):**

- Chair, Paul, opened with Serenity Prayer.
- Some discussion and feedback on **Conference Committees** sense of area committee, agree.
- A request to the Chair was to plan for the Conference Committees be seated together after lunch on Saturday, at labeled tables.
- Updates on **Ad-hoc Committees**, Translation and Interpretation, Area 42 Mapping/District Boundaries, Area 42 Guide Lines, Corrections Conference, Temporary Communications Committee.
- Fall Assembly theme ideas? Area 42 History? Conference Committees? Suggestion of Training on Conference Committees as Topic.

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

**8:00** Chair, Paul opens with the Serenity Prayer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- We have to pay for the coffee in the back of the room, if you drink the coffee, it would be appreciated to put a donation in the jar next to the coffee pots.
- Trent is over in the corner taping, he also has CD's of various speakers from elsewhere for sale.
- There are lists of all the treasurers, where to send your contributions on the announcement table.
- There are safety cards on the announcement table.
- In the Archives room, there are folders to update your group history.
- The Young People will meet in the Blue Room at lunchtime.
- District 1 will meet in the back corner of the main room.
- In front of the podium are, History of Area 42., copy of subscription for "Dr. Bob", and menus for Hometown Pizza.

**Readings:**

Anonymity Statement by Jodi

Preamble by Samantha

Concept III (long form) by Dave

Quote from "As Bill Sees It" (pg. 115) by Kirk

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Reminder to slow down for translation.
- If visiting one of the tables in back; treasurer, grapevine, literature, etc.; please keep noise to minimum.
- Update on Conference Committees by Alternate Delegate, Julie. Thank you for volunteering, if you have not and would like to, come see me and I will put you on a Committee.

**Area 42 Chair Report:** Hi I'm Paul your Area 42 Chair, good morning and welcome to the Spring 2019 Area 42 Pre-Conference assembly. I'm very excited to be here this weekend and I hope you are too. I would like to thank Rhonda, Julie, Chris, Jake and all of those that worked on summarizing, presenting and working together on the different committees to prepare the agenda items. Also, I would like to thank Tony S., Diana M. and anyone else that help with the translation. This year we actually had all of our summaries translated from our own Area. Would all of those that are attending the assembly for their first time please stand up and now will all of those attending the assembly for their second time please stand up, thank you. This year we have made a little change in the way we did the selection of the Conference agenda items and in the process added more items to be presented and discussed. This will mean nothing to you as it is all brand new to you. Those of you that have been to a Pre-Conference assembly before it will be a little different. Last year the Area started an exercise / experiment of creating Conference Committees to match the General Service Conference. This year we have expanded on the process and I would like to thank all of you that participated. If you didn't get a chance to participate don't feel left out there is still a chance to join one of the committees because we are going to keep this going all the way through this rotation and hopefully for future rotations. I know this is some change and there will be growing pains as with most changes. I was told early in sobriety that change wasn't difficult, but that it was the resistance to change that made it difficult. Our main goal today is to prepare our delegate Rhonda for the upcoming General Service Conference. Here is a quote from "The Language of the Heart" page 169, from April 1958. "Guardian of AA: Our General Service Conference" "When our scheme for a joint Conference of trustees and delegates was first proposed, a howl went up countrywide. At first it looked as though the AA family didn't want any part of this new and unexpected responsibility. To them, "AA delegates" spelled nothing but politics, controversy, and confusion. "Let's keep it simple," they cried. But after a couple of years of agitation and education, our Fellowship clearly realized that the ultra-simplicity of the early days could be no more. Direct family responsibility there would have to be, or else AA would fold up at its very center. The erstwhile elders, fathers, and founders would have to be taken off the hook and replaced by delegates. There was no other way. The family would have to "come of age" or suffer dire penalties for failure to do so." We will have some presentations and feedback on some agenda items and hear report backs from the NAGSC and SAGSC agenda item meetings. This is one of the changes this year as the six items presented at NAGSC and the six items presented at SAGSC were different. It will be my task to keep you on track and focused on the topic. When you come to the mic please don't repeat an opinion you have already heard. I know everyone likes to voice their opinion but if some else has already said it please leave the time for only new opinions. We are limited on the time we have so if you don't have a chance to speak at the mic. You can always talk to our delegate Rhonda individually and there will be time on Sunday to come up to the mic during our "What's on your Mind" session. Now about Sunday because today our main focus is to get our delegate Rhonda ready for the General Service Conference. We do have Area 42 business to take care of Sunday. As Area Chair I have inherited 4 Ad-Hoc committees that will be giving update reports and we have a temporary Communications Committee that has a first reading of an Area 42 guidelines change. Along with the "Ask it Basket" panel of past delegates, so if you have a question or maybe you heard something that you are not sure about, write it down and put it in the basket up here and they will answer it or try to. Maybe you can stump the panel. Then we will have "What's on your Mind". I hope you will all stay to the end of the assembly, as I have heard in the past that there is

nothing or very little to do on Sunday and then people leave early. There is always business on Sunday and if you leave early you are giving up your "Right of Participation". Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul.

**Delegate Report:** Hello my name is Rhonda and I am an Alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as your Panel 69 area 42 Delegate. We are heading into my fourth month as Delegate and I feel so honored to be surrounded by so many amazing people. In January I attended the SAGSC Meeting and welcomed the new GSR's and DCM's to the Area. We talked about the new Conference Committees and what the Area Officers would like to see happen with these committees. I received a letter from the Grapevine Conference Committee for the General Service Conference welcoming me to the Grapevine Conference Committee. That was closely followed by a conference call with the Grapevine Conference Committee. Julie, Paul, Chris and Jake started working on the Area business, creating files and gearing up for the agenda items to come in. We took some time and a couple of conference calls to train ourselves on the new roundtable process. We know this caused a bit of friction with some of our seasoned veterans and we do apologize if anyone was greatly offended. On the other hand the participation has been indeed inspiring and I would like to personally thank the 12 past Delegates and Trustees who stepped up to sit on each committee as an observer. Our hope is that someday when a new GSR shows up and someone asks them what committee they are sitting on, they will be as excited as I was to find out. Even though this year the North and South are bonding over "What the Hell are we doing?" Maybe next year they will bond over "How can we best represent our committee topics?" The fun started in February when all the agenda items were posted to the GSO dashboard. The area chairs and alt delegate jumped in and started distributing information. This is a long tedious process which requires great patience. The time frame is short. Historically the Delegate picks the topics to be discussed at the Round Tables and the Assembly. This year the new conference committees picked the topics, it was a great experience for me to receive the emails explaining why or why not these topics were selected. This helped to better inform me on a larger amount of agenda items, and it helped the committees to bond over the experience of deep diving into the agenda items. I am so excited for the new GSR's that have the opportunity to sit on most of the committees over the years and when they stand for Delegate they will have a wealth of information to share with the Conference. Also in February I hosted a SWACYPAA inventory, it was very interesting to watch them discuss the needs of their committee and to tie their solutions to the Traditions and Concepts, and even though these principles seem to bind us, when they are followed they never fail to bond us. I then hosted the Annual "Old Timers Rock" meeting where I with 25 years of sobriety felt like a newcomer. There was over 2000 years of combined sobriety in the room. It is always an honor to be surrounded by so much wisdom and sarcasm. We also laid to rest our beloved Jack F in February. He was a pillar in our community, a historian and a story teller, he will be missed by all. Finally in February I gave a little shepal at our Annual Service Festival. Kristen did a great job throwing it all together and the food was great. March brought in PRAASA, It was a strange new feeling to sit on the stage at PRAASA. Every year I look at the Delegates sitting up there and think, "Those people are so put together, so smart, and know everything about AA" What I found out is I was wrong, how could they possibly know everything and most of them are as scared to death of the ask it basket as I was. Overall PRAASA was heartwarming and full of diversity from the French and Spanish versions of Traditions and the Preamble to the Japanese and ASL presentations. As always my love for AA grew a little bit more at PRAASA. The next weekend I flew to Reno for the NAGCS Round Tables. The presentations were well done and very informative. Thank You to everyone who drove me around and fed me while I was there for the day. I feel like I got to know a lot more of you a little better. The following weekend I attended the SAGSC Round Tables. Which did not have a pot luck and I think we need to talk about that. The presenters were filled with passion and knowledge. The hardest part for me is to leave my opinion out of the presentations. Both the North and the South presented with little or no opinion or to even sway opinions. After the round tables I attended the SWACYPAA Carnival and was almost arrested by the AA Police. I made a narrow escape but I now fear there may be a bounty on my head. March 23rd was the Southern Area District Chili Cook Off. District 7 walked away with the trophy and will host next year. April is scheduled to be a fun event month. The Assembly should be educational and amazing because it is always is. SWACYPAA, H & I and District 7 are all planning events in the South in April, I hope to be able to attend them all, mostly because I love hanging out with all of you and I love being a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. To keep my Delegate ego in check, I attend a 5:30 Meeting by my house a few times a week. Last week a member asked me if I was going to be in Tonopah soon, I said, "Yes, I am the delegate", he said, "OK but are you going to Tonopah soon?" Check and Mate, yes, I will be in Tonopah how can I help? District 21 is hosting a Spanish Forum on Cinco de Mayo, they have invited me to talk a bit about the Delegate position. We attended this event last year and I was moved to tears by the passion in the room. May 17th to the 26th I will be in the Conference in New York. I am so excited to share this experience with all of you, I want you to know that I will be thinking of you all and sharing your voices at the conference. Today I am listening to you but more importantly I am hearing you, these past few months have taught me so much about the difference in hearing and listening. After the conference is when my journey really starts. June I will be traveling to the North on the 1st to give my first Delegate Report. Be Kind people this will be my first ever Report. June 8th I am back in Las Vegas for Founders Day, then June 15th I am tentatively off to Bishop for the District 8 Picnic and Delegate Report. June 16th thru the 25th I will be in Washington DC, and Boston for Work then in Indiana for a Family Reunion. June 30th back in Pahrump Nevada for a pot luck and Delegates Report. I hope to be able to spend some time with my family in July because in August all the Picnics and convention season starts! Whew! I am so honored to be your Delegate and to represent Area 42. We are so active, diverse & open to new ideas while respecting classic traditions. We certainly are the best Area in the world and I get to be our voice! Thank You

**Selection of 2020 Pacific Regional Forum Chair/Liaison:** Our Area is hosting the General Service Offices, 2020 Regional Forum in Las Vegas. Phil, immediate Past Delegate, gave a brief report. (from CD) The "Westgate" in Las Vegas has a great price for the dates of August 21-23rd. The Communications Chair is what GSO call a Liaison. We are ahead of the time line from last year. There were over 1,000 people registered last year. We have already put together a Save the Date card in both Spanish and English. One of our goals is to get a large contingence of members from both the North and South of Area 42 to work

together as volunteers. We will also have volunteers from around the Region. We were given a case of vests. They were bought for the 2018 Forum volunteers and passed on remainder to us. Year of the International in Detroit, the Forum will happen 5-6 weeks after. We need to focus on getting people to come out here. We now need to choose a Committee Chairperson to lead the volunteer committee...Jonelle nominates Phil, accepts. Rhonda nominates Mike M., accepts. Voting members clarified. Is this Area business? Yes, Area is hosting. A MOTION of having Chair and Co-Chair or two Chairs and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion. Called to question...do we want to vote on this and do we want 2/3rds or Simple Majority. Results: Simple Majority & One Chair. Phil is Forum Chair by simple majority.

**Finance Committee replacements selection:** Elisa, a finance committee member has been filling in as Chair. Elisa has been confirmed as Chair, by unanimous vote. Two at-large members needed, one from the South and one from the North. The Guidelines for Finance Committee at-large members duties and eligibility. Members standing for at-large members...Barbara M. (North), Kathleen W. (North) and Jason (South). Barbara M. from North by Majority. Jason from the South by Acclamation.

**V GRAPEVINE Agenda Item B Presentation:** Presented by April.

**Consider REQUEST to remove the “alcoholism at large” section from the AA Grapevine.** A request was made by district 30 in area 64 to bring this to the 69th general conference committee. History: Excerpts from the general press about the legal, social and medical aspects of alcoholism have existed in the grapevine from its beginning in 1946 to 1991. The section has gone by several different titles but the articles main objective has been the same. In 1991, a recommendation was made to the conference to remove Alcoholism at Large and the was approved unanimously. The section has been published 2007 and has strayed in despite several requests to remove it. There is a strong opinion that this section makes a real contribution to the magazine. Several members stated that a number of members rely on it as their only available source of info on our common disease and that we should be open to outside views and be aware of what’s happening in the field of alcoholism. Those who were opposed felt that aa’s purpose is to carry the message of recovery through the program and that even with a disclaimer, the alcoholism at large section makes a confusing statement about the fellowship’s position on outside issues so therefore does not belong in the grapevine magazine. The motion from district 30 sent to area 64 states the following opinion: “The content of alcoholism at large undoubtedly falls into the realm of ‘outside issues’ and is in conflict with traditions 6 and 10. The following are a few of the topics that have been published under the alcoholism at large section within the past year: Heavy drinking big risk factor for dementia, treating fetal alcohol defects, increase in alcohol related E.R. visits, Hard liquor and aggression, Update on alcohol abuse drugs in Europe, Stress hormone linked to Alcoholism and teen drinking and adult liver problems. The Grapevine certificate of Incorporation states two main purpose of grapevine: To print and publish material primarily devoted to the dissemination of info concerning the principles, practices, activities, and objectives of the fellowship...concerning generally the subject of alcoholism and related matters and dealing with th4e various means, methods, techniques and procedures available or proposed for the treatment, relief, rehabilitation and recovery of persons suffering from or potentially subject to alcoholism. Additional purposes of the grapevine from report & charter: To carry out other services which relate to the attainment of sobriety and the maintenance of sobriety of those suffering from or threatened with alcoholism. To engage in any and all activities calculated to assist in the voluntary restoration of individuals suffering from or threatened with alcoholism to normal life under conditions of sobriety and to conduct or participate in all classes or services calculated to be of help to persons suffering from, or threatened with alcoholism. In a letter written in 1946 from Bill Wilson to Royal Shepard, Bill describes the future he sees for the Grapevine in 12 points but I will only mention those relating to this topic. Number one says The Grapevine should be the voice of AA as a whole Number two says the grapevine staff should be primarily responsive to AA group opinion and tradition Number three states the grapevine editor should be the ultimate judge of what is to be printed. Number five states the grapevine should feel free to print articles expressing the widest difference of opinion on all topics of a strictly AA nature. But it should be traditionally, perhaps legally, prohibited from printing anything of a controversial nature on topics having nothing to do with the primary aim of AA. Number eight states that The GV should have freedom to print news articles relative to the whole field of alcoholism, except, however, those which might provoke needless dissention. A section of number twelve states that while the GV will never become a general newspaper, its news columns may cover the whole field of alcoholism on a strictly noncontroversial basis. The GV will be a newspaper written by AAs and friends of AAs. Lastly, Bill states the following, “To my very way of thinking, the full Board of Trustees is something like the supreme court of the united states. Theirs should be the final decision on the few but terribly vital problems which now and then come into our foreground. The trustees are the conscience of AA, the central office is the heart of all and the grapevine is the voice of aa.”

**Feedback:** (2 minutes) Timer: Becca

- Informative to have gray pages.
- Tradition 6 does not apply. Tradition 10 is not applicable as it is only preventive information. As alcoholic we want to know the medical reason why we are alcoholic.
- Useful. Question: how are the articles selected? Answer: The Editorial Board selects them from general readings on alcoholism.
- Useful info. Good read from cover to cover. If we start removing articles, we may lose the jokes.

**Sense of the Assembly:** Yes, keep them in.

**District, Committee Chair and Officer Reports:**

**District 3** Hello My Name is Jason and I am an alcoholic and this is my DCM report. District 3 is financial solvent and will be providing donuts at the next SAGS meeting. This district will be voting on a pie chart this weekend on where to send our seventh tradition contributions. We are also talking about possibly throwing an event in the future, so any districts in the south that would

be interested in co-hosting please see me during one of the breaks. This concludes my DCM report, thank you for allowing me to serve! Jason M

**District 4** Hi, Dan DCM for district 4 we currently have all positions filled. We are brain storming on how to get more groups involved with the district's in the Reno Sparks area. 8 groups are currently actively showing up to the business meeting every month. The district is having a traditions meeting a hour before the district meeting. The Reno Young peeps RENVYPAA is alive, well and showing up to our district meeting. We are looking forward to co-hosting the NAGSA business meeting June. I am sure I will have more to report in the Fall. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. Dan M.

**District 7** Good Afternoon, My Name is Jen I am honored to serve as the new DCM for district seven area 42. I am excited to announce that district has completed the election. I would like to announce Chuck S. as the alternate DCM, Angie K. as the Secretary and Sherri as the treasurer. Always would like to thank everyone else who has taken a service position in this term. We have a few service coming up. On April 27th, June 22nd and October 19th our quarterly service events will be held at Lakes Lutheran Church 8200 W. Sahara in Las Vegas, NV 89117 from 10:30-2:20 pm. Our annual Mt. Charleston Picnic will be held August 19th. Again I would like to thank district seven and area 42 for this experience. Jennifer R.

#### **SAGSC INTERGROUP LIASON**

Founders Day June 8th 7 am Christ Church Episcopal

SWACYPAA event April 14 At The Meeting Space on South Rainbow

SWACYPAA event Aug 15-18 at The Plaza.

SAGSC Sunday 11-10-19 at 1:15 TIE Club GSR training at 12:15 pm

April 13- H & I event 1 pm TIE Club

April 13- District 5B workshop 2 pm at Keystone Club. What is a GSR

April 27- District 7 Workshop at Lakes Lutheran Church 10:30-1:30. Recognizing the Miracle through Sobriety & Service

April 22nd- Students at Mission HS are throwing a conference. Student panel and main speaker talking about recovery. It's free to get in! 3-7 pm. 801 N Veterans Memorial Dr.

April 27- TINHI's Aim for Recovery event. It's skeet shooting!

AA International Convention in Detroit. July 2-5 2020.

Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas. August 21-23 2020.

**NAGSC GSR Trainer** I was invited the business meeting for District 6 in February, unfortunately snow kept me from attending. I was able to attend the February District 2 business meeting and really enjoyed talking with the new and the familiar GSR's. Before the NAGSC roundtables we had a quick GSR meeting, there were several new GSR's in attendance. We got to hear from a couple GSR's that attended PRAASA and talk about what to expect from the very busy months of March and April.

District 2 is hosting GSR Training on May 11th at Sunny Side in Reno from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. I'm excited to have this opportunity to discuss my all-time favorite service position. Thanks for all you do in service! Tinna O

**NAGSC Chair** My name is Chris and an alcoholic. I am also your new incoming NAGSC chair for the 2019-2020 rotation.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this position. I have always heard that you stand for the position if you are willing and able, then let your higher power choose the outcome. So in December after serving for the last 12 years in General Service I wondered what was next. I had missed the last Area assembly due to illness so the position I thought that I wanted to stand for came and left. Worry set in and I think that all who do this for a few years find a great love in doing what we do and look for something to do to continue that. I found out that NAGSC was going to elect the chair and secretary this rotation, there you go something to do. But when the time came to go to the front of the room for the vote I found myself not getting up worried that I wouldn't be able to do the job. Anyone else had that feeling? Then the higher power kicked in, I looked at my sponsee and he gave me the head nod which meant, get your butt up there. I think in the back of my mind standing up there that I wasn't going to be in this position. But once again, higher power choosing my destiny. Since then it has been a hit the ground running experience. The appointment of the committee chairs needed to happen soon because Phil needed to get that information to GSO and most of those happened before the end of the day. We needed to find venues for February 2 for the welcome to General Service meeting and the March 9th NAGSC meeting. I will say that not living in Reno poses a problem and so I reached out to a few people who did most of the leg work on that and I thank you. We have found out this year that prices of facilities, finding places with multiple rooms, finding the date that works, people who would rather not have AA in their facility and of course the final one in March where the venue sprang a leak and they couldn't fix the roof 3 weeks away from the NAGSC meeting. So off and running again. It took a week to find a new place and we ended doing what the Area Assembly and SAGSC do.....One room 6 presentations. We had roughly 100 AA members in attendance and from what I understand everyone that I talk to, it went pretty well. All of the 6 presenters did a wonderful job and the information stirred a lot of good conversation. I don't know if we stayed on topic completely but we had 20 minutes from presentation to end of topic. I think we did a wonderful job as a NAGSC body to get the most information out there. So this year we put the ball in motion and started the Conference Committees each committee had 2 chairs, one from the north and one from the south. We had mentors and their job was to help the summarizers with the agenda items. They were to give advice, support and make sure we were able to get the agenda items to Julie the Alt. Delegate. Thank you to all who helped this year. Looking back over the new process we understand there is a little fine tuning, so hang in there with us. I feel in my heart that we are heading in the right direction and we will all be more informed as we walk together. I also was able to attend PRAASA at the beginning of March and as always a service battery charging experience. There was 1750 plus members in attendance and a lot of wonderful presentations. Then there was the ride down and back with 3 other members. Those rides are wonderful and an awesome opportunity to carry the message and excitement. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Chris S.

**Alternate/SAGSC Secretary** It's very different writing this report. Was about to tell you how great 5b is doing, but that's not my job anymore!

I have taken minutes for one SAGSC mtg, and found that it wasn't as overwhelming as it sounded. I have also been appointed to the literature committee and look forward to being more informed with all of these items discussed at the conference. Since January I have been learning ALOT about my new commitment. Such as, did you know, as alternate secretary for area 42, that I also get to be the literature chair?! Well, I was a little overwhelmed when I found that out, but today, setting up for the first time. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that I can do this! I have gotten to know our AA literature better already in the short time I have served so far. Please come and see me in the back over there if you need any literature. I have ordered extras of all of the pamphlets that will be discussed for the conference if you would like to review it as it is now. Grateful to be of service and grateful for my district, and for Area 42. Thanks!

**Alternate/NAGSC Treasurer** In reviewing our accounts to date, in comparison to past years, Northern Area is currently underfunded. Funding priorities, per our guidelines, state that we first fund our elected officers, then our standing chairs, then assist our DCMs and GSRs with travel expenses. If we want to fully fund our committee chairs, as I believe we should, and assist DCMs and GSRs, we need to increase our contributions. Our conference committees are much more organized and active than in the past. Their knowledge of specific areas of General Service is invaluable to Nagsc and to your groups. Please, go back to your groups and let them know what services Nagsc can provide, especially through our committee work. Our committees are willing and ready to come to your Districts and events with presentations on Public Information, Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Treatment Facilities, Accessibilities and Remote Communities, Cooperation with the Professional Community and La Vina/Grapevine. If members want to continue having these services available, we need to fund these services. This is a formal appeal to the Northern Area groups to consider Nagsc as an entity in need when making contribution decisions. (As per CD...I wanted to know where our money is coming from and where it is going. I found that we are extremely underfunded. We had a \$4800. Donation from Women's Conference, our contributions have remained approx.. the same. We have a few new funded positions. We have been feeding off the large donation and now it is gone. We are in desperate need of your groups contribution.) One of my objectives during this rotation is to open up a conversation on how groups can increase their 7th tradition, especially in how groups are funding their GSRs to general service events. We often don't like to speak about money but self-support, not just individually but at the group level is, as the pamphlet reminds us, "where money and spirituality mix". I will be encouraging more discussion on this topic. Let's start sharing with each other on ways to help our GSRs with travel expenses. As an Area and for AA as a whole our future lies with those members newer to general service, who's participation at these events is vital to our ability to carry the message of AA through general service. I hope you will all consider joining me in this effort. Ever Present In Love and Service, Laura

**SAGSC Treasurer** Hi Everyone and Welcome, I am the incoming SAGSC Treasurer and this is my first area assembly report. I have worked with Chuck S. to rotate this position to me. This is a great honor and I thank you, my fellowship, for allowing me to serve in this capacity. So far outside of normal position tasks, I have organized with the newly formed Finance Committee. Which has already met twice this year. We have developed a meeting cadence and are working on agenda items that we would like to complete this year. It has been really nice to work with this great group of people, who are all pitching in their time and their desire to breathe new life into the committee process. This is going to be a great year for us to accomplish going back to basics. To date, I have had the pleasure to serve on other numerous committees. This has broadened my horizon for future service work that is available. As service has been one of the major building blocks in my sobriety, I am happy to see I can still be of service after this position ends in other capacities. As of today, and following our roundtable and PRAASA expenses, the current Checking balance is \$5,150.23, and Savings balance is \$7,514.10 for a combined total of \$12,664.33. During my term, I hope to complete a DCM workshop this year for the southern area districts on the importance of understanding where the group dollar goes. This workshop will be based on the GSO pamphlets "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" and "The A.A. Group Treasurer". I was inspired by this topic from attending this year's PRAASA Treasurer's roundtables. I would like to speak to the importance of a "sendoff" past the prudent reserve and to the 'How' and 'What' the Group contribution does to support the upside-down pyramid of general service. I feel it is important to do some work through communication and education within our area to increase group conscious on what it means to contribute to District, Area and GSO. In the Southern Area, last quarter, we had drawn down our Checking account to be more in line with proper prudent reserve. Simply put, money sitting in an account does little to help carry the message. On a separate note, banks are making it increasingly difficult to deposit funds via check and money order if not made out to the proper payee. We are currently receiving contributions made out to many various deviations of our southern area DBA. Thus, I am using every opportunity to communicate out our payable information; Contributions can be made to S.A.G.S.C., PO BOX 71804, Las Vegas, NV 89170 If you have any questions or have not received a receipt for your group contribution please contact me at SAGSCTreasurer@nevadaarea42.org. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully, Sean D.

**Alternate Archivist** Hi, my name is Gabriel, I am alternate archivist for Area 42. I am very grateful to be serving as your alternate area archivist. The archivist position is a four year position in our area so I have served for two years and I have two more years to go. I have learned so much being the archivist and I love AA history. For those of you who do not know the Area 42 Archives are mostly in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Las Vegas central office. Since I have been the alternate archivist, we have completely transformed our area in the central office. We put in all new floors, painted the walls, and started organizing all of our paperwork. We have done a lot of work at the central office, but we still have a lot to do. Before my rotation ends in 2020 I would like to accomplish finish the renovation of archives room, continue working on the cassette tapes. I would like to thank Leslie from central office for her support, and David for all his hard work. I would like to thank Lyle for all his help and support. As soon as we leave the assembly, Lyle is coming to Las Vegas and we are planning to work in the archives room for 3 days. So

hopefully the next time that I see you, I have some more exciting news to give you. I attended the roundup at Westgate, the chile cook off. If you would the archives come to your group or event, please let us know. On a schedule we have: Founders Day District 1 picnic Tri-state roundup in Laughlin Thanks you for letting me be of service

**Archivist** I am honored to be your Area 42 Archivist. I want to welcome the new GSRs, DCMs and everyone on the new panel to Area 42. For those of you who are new, we have some of our archives on display in the Archive room. The room is next to where we registered, by the vending machine. Please stop by and sign our visitor book and check out your district binders and other archives. I've purchased for our archives the Navajo Big Book which is in audio only. I am also acting as a co-chair of the newly formed Area Archives Conference Committee. We had the privilege of presenting a roundtable topic in the South on March 16th. We are new to this committee and looking forward to learning more about the General Service Conference Committee work. After this Area Assembly on Sunday I'm headed to Las Vegas to work on organizing some of our Area 42 archives with Gabriel, our Alternate Archivist. Our area archives are kept at the Las Vegas Central Office on E. Charleston. While I'm in Las Vegas I'll have the DVD "Markings on the Journey" available April 8-9-10 if your district or group would like a showing. I will have an archive display at the Reno Spring Festival on April 26th. Please stop by and see some of our books and other historical items. Please forward your district minutes, guidelines and flyers if you would like them to be included at the assembly. Thank You for this opportunity, Lyle C.

**Break- 9:55am-10:10am**

**Announcement:**

Gabe from SWACYCAA has 2 envelopes for each DCM. Save them for the Sobriety Countdown, we will be giving out prizes.

**IX Report and Charter Agenda Item B:** Presented by Rick

The Publishing Department is undertaking a thorough evaluation, update and redesign of the Service Manual. Depending on how far along the project is going a preliminary draft or progress report will be sent to the 2019 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. The goal is to ensure the A.A. Service Manual is user friendly. They want the content to be attractive, inviting and simple, and that it be targeted to the correct user and focused on relevant information. The committee focused on four ways to achieve this. 1. Improving the physical format: Changes to the physical format include changing to a spiral bound book or 3 ring binder format which would allow the manual to lay flat. Rather than the current smaller size, making the large-print 8.5 x 11 inches the "standard" size. This facilitates larger type size which makes it easier to read and more white space for note-taking by the user. 2. Making the design of the Manual easier to use: The design hierarchy, which includes headings, subheadings, etc. could be more logical and appealing. Some heading styles, which include fonts, uppercase or lowercase, alignment, etc. seem to be unrelated and difficult to read. Something else to consider is completely changing to an easier to read font. We could utilize tabs along the side of the page to make sections and important components easier to find. Using wider margins would facilitate area on the pages for users to write notes. Color could create a more attractive manual along with chapters and other frequently used parts of the manual easier to find. Where appropriate call-outs could draw attention to "sidebar" subject matter. New artwork for graphics and field of data visualization could dramatically improve the appearance of the manual. 3. Better organize the content of the manual: The manual has not undergone a full update in 19 years but instead has been edited piecemeal in the years since and lost some of its flow. The manual is utilized by many audiences including GSRs, DCMs, and Delegates, just to name a few. The first time a member is introduced to the manual though is typically when they serve as a GSR. Keeping this in mind could serve as a guiding organizing principle for this update. Opening the book with some type of "how-to-use" page followed by the first few paragraphs of "A.A.'s Legacy of Service" is another suggested idea. Certain sections could be moved toward the back for both logic and ease of use along with simplified or combined sections. For instance, "The Area Assembly" and "The Area Committee" logically belong together. There are certain topics that are underemphasized and merit expansion and or amplification. There are also items that may be redundant or irrelevant that could be edited or removed. 4. Improve the overall tone: Certain passages can come off as having a negative tone. For example, on page S58 a meeting is described as "hot and heavy" when "lively" would do. Is the manual promoting a "we" tone? Amending wording like "individual" to "trusted servant" could be in order. Maintaining and reflecting A.A.'s practice of "suggesting" might cause us to change language that sounds overly demanding and intrusive. The A.A. Service Manual has been an instrumental tool in helping our trusted servants learn and understand the General Service structure. Most people in General Service use this manual regularly. Will modifying this manual help increase its effectiveness when a GSR or other AA member opens it for the first time and still be useful throughout their service work? We hope this summary of the suggested changes helps create a complete picture of what the Report and Charter Committee is proposing. Thank you for listening to this presentation and we look forward to hearing your thoughts. The floor is now open for discussion.

**Feedback:** (2 minutes) Timer: Amber

- How much more will it cost? A. No background on cost. Good Idea.
- Will it be in large print? If yes, that would be a great relief. A. Yes
- Joyce, Past Delegate, was on this committee. She is in favor as it is a useful tool. It is time to do all that is suggested.
- Group wants to see changes.

**I Agenda Item A:** Presented by Kristen

(from CD) Rhonda doesn't want to give this open mic time. Review the themes for the 2020-2021 Conference. There are 88 themes. I made a packet for each District. All voting members in your District, please make a mark next to your vote, we will get a census that way. Leave packets at podium.

**Announcement:**

District 20 is our host, they are ones who brought snacks, along with SWACYPAA. Pass the baskets now.

**Feedback from Roundtables (North) Sense of the Assembly:** Moderator: Julie C.

**1. Literature C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.** - This is to update stories to better reflect current membership. - Would stories would be taken out? - Would we get to look at the stories that may be added? (Member answers: No, handled by literature committee.) - Consider newcomers, the stories are an opportunity for us to identify, doesn't relate to the first set of stories, they are outdated - The first 164 pages and Dr. Bob's stories are authored, we don't rewrite authored stories and they won't change, the stories are a separate matter. - Concerned about Pioneers section being removed since they got sober on the 12 steps only - Conference advisory action a couple years ago that we will not change the first 164 pages ever, that motion would have to be rescinded so this item is only regarding the stories. - Publication – Experience, Strength, and Hope contains all the removed stories, if you have a favorite story you can get one of those books - It is our responsibility to update those stories. - There's only one LGBTQ story in the book. - The average is 15-20 years that the stories get updated and we are currently over that. - The prefaces give the history behind membership and how the stories were changed. - Where are the stories about people that got sober in their 60s and 70s? where are the stories about military experience, deaf people, etc? - As soon as this edition comes off the press, will it already be outdated? - Literature committee would come up with guidelines for story submissions. - This updated would include a foreword to the 5th edition that explains the changes. - It's easy to focus on the big book as the main text but there are dozens of other books that contain stories such as the Grapevine, they can update stories much faster than the Big Book to include more diverse stories. - Only one area (49) is suggesting that there's a section for young people in AA, the suggestion is to update all the stories. - We went through this whole process and didn't do anything last time, it's very carefully considered and they won't do anything that's not in the best interest of AA - It would be more like 2026, it's a 7 year process, very slow moving, those stories now are a minimum of 26 years old - The request is only do we want to consider updating Big Book.

**2. Literature N. Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.** - This would help people who are coming in for school assignments understand if they should participate or not. - Any background as to why it failed previously? - It should match the rest of the literature (The A.A. Group pamphlet). - The blue card was never used until outside people came in. - This would help Al-Anon understand AA more. - If we're not going to add it to the blue card then it should be removed from all literature. - This might be a response to the rise in court cards at meetings. - Just because there is a blue card doesn't mean your group has to use it. - The blue card is good for those who are new in service and afraid to say something or cut people off.

**3. Policy /Admissions G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.** - Previous delegate: advisory actions have to be carried out by trustees, suggestions don't, would like to go back to the 80's to see what was going on - Previous delegate: the committee suggests this should be an advisory action, if it doesn't make the 2/3 vote, all of a sudden its not an advisory action and it just kind of goes away - If the committee does nothing, the board does nothing? - Sometimes suggestions are recorded, sometimes they are not. - They will tell us if they adopted the suggestion or not. - We're losing information if it's not recorded. - We should be accountable, if the body asks us to vote to do it, we should be doing it. - Nothing has been recorded since 1995. - We're having discussions we don't need to, they've already been had, but we don't know since it's not being recorded.

**4. Public Information D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”** - The safety card already has this exact wording but it seems odd to add it to this pamphlet. - AA is not above the law; criminal behavior should be reported to the law. - Member tells a story of a disruptive person at a meeting exhibiting violent behavior and another member dialing 911. If our literature doesn't tell us what to do we may cover up behavior in the name of anonymity. Our literature should back up doing the right thing. - The safety card is a lot more accessible, why does it need to be added to the pamphlet? - Who decides what's “inappropriate”? Too vague. - Pamphlets are available at clubs, central office, area assembly – it's more accessible than the safety card. Since a lot of people read the pamphlets, the verbiage should be consistent. - If the meeting participants can't take out a disruptive member then we have failed as members of AA and then the police should be called - Conference committee wanted to add this to any appropriate place. - A lot of people are unaware of the rules of anonymity.

- Example brought up of AA conferences trying to take authority and be the police and how it's unwise. We should allow the authorities to be the authorities. - Literature and pamphlets are important, we can refer to the literature instead of giving our opinion.

**5. Treatment/Accessibilities C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”** - We're trying to bring the vast group of military into our outreach. CPC came up with the idea of talking to the chaplains and doctors about the elderly alcoholics in the military, we have very few things about AA and the military (one currently) - Most members are Vietnam vets not WW2 vets. - WW2 did not end until 1945, there are older members of AA that understand WW2 and the Great Depression, but we do have more Korean vets and Vietnam vets currently. - All of our veterans should be included no matter how old they are. - There's 8 stories currently with people over 60 but half of them are from military. This is just another method of reaching out to people who may not identify. - The military could be classified as a remote community. - It seems

important to add the website to the pamphlet so they can access more stories online. - Does not want to have WW2 stories taken out. - Details aren't our business right now – "consider" means they just want to start discussing updating it and no one knows what will be taken out or added yet. - His father hearing other stories of vets from the Depression or WW2 helps him. - New pamphlet for the homeless is suggested since a lot of them are vets.

**6. Trustees E. Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.** - Any nonprofit is required by NY law to have a board in place, current board can't be voted out unless a new board exists. - This came out of last year's conference because of the agenda item regarding censuring the board. It was recommended that the Trustee's committee come up with a process so we know how to handle these situations in the future if we needed to censure or vote out the current board. - The Trustees met in 2014 for 4 or 5 hours and came up with a plan that was not acceptable to the body, the idea was that some kind of procedure needed to be in place so that if we needed to restructure the board, we need to have a plan ahead of time (AAWS, GSO, Grapevine, etc) - We carefully elect with 2/3 majority our trusted servants especially at the board level, we should revisit love and tolerance is our code, a lot of them don't even get paid, why do we need to reorganize our trusted servants who have served us? - It sounds like we want to punish our trustees. - There is already a procedure in place, the body can vote with 3/4 approval and remove the current board and nominate new trustees. - The trustees are human beings, I don't think we're going to fire our board. - Agenda topic says something has already been drafted? What are we being asked to do? - (The body decided there was not enough information present.)

**Assembly Feedback:** (2 minutes)

-LITERATURE N. Non alcoholic attends meetings with other problems and has made changes in life as a result of program. Group conceals allows. -PI. first time seeing yellow card. Point out sexual harassment.. - LITERATURE N AI-Anon attends, member has not known of the effects on non alcoholic, wants them share. -PI valuable tool in case you need to ask someone to leave. - LITERATURE N need to note that it says non alcoholic to observe only at open meetings. Some may not be ready to identify as alcoholic, we need to make them feel welcome to be there. Clarification from Chair...it already states it in other literature, they just want to move it to blue card to match the rest of the pamphlets/literature. -PI found in other background material to put "anyone who deems inappropriate behavior to call law enforcement" on safety card. Who deems inappropriate behavior? Should not be in literature, literature should match safety card. PI good for when the Medical field comes to our meeting to instruct that they are observers only. -LITERATURE C special sections may only be read by that group. Should be all inclusive, not classified in groups. LITERATURE C organize chronologically by when they were written. LITERATURE N reminder, we deal with alcohol. LITERATURE C accurately reflect era. Sections are not new, helps find stories to identify with. LITERATURE C background states stories for young people under 25. TREATMENT update pamphlet on the older alcoholic is a solution without a problem. Fewer stories about members in the military. Grapevine book that contains many stories of members in the Military called "AA and the Military". Keep pamphlet on the older alcoholic with no special section for military. LITERATURE C fellowship diversity should be shown in stories. LITERATURE C 12&12 statements on experience. In favor of young people story. LITERATURE C chapter 5 says in a general way, stories should reflect same. The first 164 pages are important. LITERATURE C agenda item states Consider a 5<sup>th</sup> edition no where does it say what stories to consider. There will be a literature committee to decide that at a later time. LITERATURE C it is mostly to reflect the current demographics. Struggles with differences at AA meetings, stories help to relate. LITERATURE C Greg M. was general manager at the General Service Office while the 4<sup>th</sup> edition was in the process. He formed an ad-hoc committee to review stories. If this moves forward, you will have the opportunity to submit your story to the literature committee. LITERATURE C we should vote yes or no to "Consider Request to Develop 5<sup>th</sup> Edition". LITERATURE C Grapevine book, "Experience, Strength and Hope" is where all the old stories are, they did not go away. LITERATURE C Was 27 and in prison, I identified with the way they drank not really age. LITERATURE C literature committee has done a good job in picking stories that we can relate to, so I have complete faith in them.

**Sense of Assembly:** If you have an opposition, Rhonda would like to hear it. See Rhonda to give her your opposed feedback. LITERATURE item C: yes LITERATURE item N: yes POLICY and ADMISSIONS item G: yes PUBLIC INFORMATION item D: yes TREATMENT/ACCESSIBILITIES item C: yes TRUSTEES item E: They will be reviewing a draft. Rhonda will bring more information back.

**Announcements:**

- Banquet tickets sold out.
- Before you leave for lunch, take everything off your table. Return to sit with your Conference Committee. If you are not on a committee, see Julie. If you do not want to participate on a committee, there will be plenty of empty tables. If you are not participating, sit with someone you don't know, mix it up, sit with someone from the other side of the state.
- Translation Ad-hoc committee meeting in Archive room. If you want to volunteer, please join.
- Reminder, District 1 will be meeting in back corner of main room.
- Agenda item A, theme form, that was passed out, please bring it to the front when you get it finished.

**District, Committee Chair, and Officer Reports:**

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE** My name is Julie C, I'm an alcoholic and I currently serve as Panel 69 Nevada Area 42 Alternate Delegate. As some of you know we are trying something different this panel with the Area Conference Committees. It is our hope that this will not only help better prepare our Delegate, Rhonda, for this year's General Service Conference, but also create more unity between the north and south and expand the area's understanding. But mainly, we want this to be helpful and fun. It is completely voluntary and anyone who wants to participate may join or step back at any time. This is new to our area, so we

are looking for feedback from everyone. This year we had 25 people volunteer to help summarize the agenda items and we asked 7 experienced summarizers to act as mentors. We summarized 73 agenda topics. Additionally, we had a few bilingual volunteers who translated all of our summaries and the roundtable and assembly documents. This is the first time we have provided Spanish translations of Area 42 summaries. I am humbled and honored to be able to serve alongside those of you who gave freely of your love and time. I was able to attend PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) in Irvine last month. I met 12 of the other Alternate Delegates from our region. We had lunch on both Friday and Saturday and I was able to attend one of the roundtables. We discussed how we prepare our delegates and most of the other areas have area conference committees, but each one has a unique way of setting up their committees. Some assign districts to specific committees. They have been doing it for years, but the way the committees are formed seems to be a changing process. We also discussed how we reach remote communities. We all defined remote communities based upon our demographics. One of my favorite presenters was deaf and presented on "What can your group do when a deaf person shows up?" Did you know that English is often their second language? American sign language is their first language. So, writing a note may not be as easy for them as we think. I was very touched and will discuss with my home group what can we do. I am humbled by the privilege to serve as your alternate delegate.

**NAGSC Secretary** (from CD) Hi, I'm Noel, and I'm alcoholic. Super excited to be here. I met with Monica, previous Secretary. She sent me her templates. The last couple of months have just been a learning process. I was able to go to PRAASA. I went to a Secretary and a Young Peoples round table. Both were really amazing and informative. I met a lot of people at PRAASA. That was my first PRAASA. NAGSC purchased a laptop and a recorder, I am hoping that both of those items will last for many years to assist myself and future Secretaries with our duties. I took minutes for the first time at the last NAGSC meeting. Hopefully if you are from the North, you are getting my emails. If not please see me and I will add you. Some GSR's, I am hearing that your DCM's are having computer issues, so I will be happy to add you as will. Thank you

**Area Secretary** Hello, my name is Debbie, your alcoholic Area Secretary. I just want to take this moment to thank all of you who sent me your reports. They were sent to Diana and Tony s. for translation. The emailed reports have been translated so Tony can interpret here at the assembly. If you have not emailed me your report, please do so, or at least leave a hard copy in the box in front, in doing so, it will be easier to compile your minutes. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Debbie S.

**Area 42 Treasurer** Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I am your Treasurer and am here to tell you that your treasury is in great shape. You can see that from the August 2018-February 2019 balance sheet and profit and loss statement in your packets. For your information, we report these as a fiscal year starting August 1, even though the tax year for Area 42 is the Calendar year. These are also some of the documents that have been forwarded to the CPA for the 2018 tax preparation. The forwarded documents also include the balance sheets and profit and loss statements for PRAASA, SAGSC and NAGSC. I want to thank the area for allowing me to go to PRAASA this year. It was a wonderful experience to see old friends, make new ones, hear great speakers and attend the Treasurer round tables. Those were the most interesting since they helped me to understand that we all have to balance the spiritual program with the requirements of the IRS and banks. Specifically, this year we had a situation with Wells Fargo in that they did not recognize Area 42 as an entity. We are officially the Nevada State Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous, yet all of the checks that I receive are written to Area 42 and they have been for many years. This has not been an issue in the past, but as a result of new banking security issues, and some problems that this particular bank has dealt with, they have cracked down on this sort of inconsistency. I received two letters threatening the close our accounts unless we dealt with this. After meeting with a banker at my local WF office, it was determined that the best solution was to file a Fictitious Name (also known as a DBA) request with the Clark County Clerks office. The name of the "owner" was NSAAA and the signer had to be an officer already on the State of Nevada Secretary of State Website (also known as SilverFlume). The only local person was Jonelle and she met me there before work and with a signature and a form and a \$20 check we officially are now Area 42. Crisis averted. And, finally, If you have not received your group's contribution receipts by email I have brought the few that I have and the rest have been sent to your DCM to distribute to you. Please have your Group treasurer send a note with an email address for me to send your receipt. Quite a few groups are doing this, however I still have to send many of the receipts to the DCMs. If your treasurer does not have email access, then someone in your group probably does and there are plenty of places where you can create a free email account for your group, which is a really good idea anyways. That way is would also be easy for your group to get information like minutes from your DCM, NAGSC/SAGSC, Area 42 and GSO. These are password protected so that only members of your group will be able to see the information and you just give the password to your homegroup members and can pass the email account forward when you rotate positions. Thank you, Claudia Make your checks out to "Area 42".

**Lunch:** 12:00-130

**Announcements:**

- In the Archive Room, there are District binders and blank forms for updating information.
- Turn in the Agenda item A theme form up front before clearing the room for the banquet.
- Find your committee, sign up or sit with a committee that you may be interested in. This is to get to know each other. We are going to carry these committees on through to the next committee, hopefully through next year.

**Assembly resumes:**

Serenity Prayer lead by Alternate Chair, Jake

**Alt. Area Chair Report** My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. I am extremely grateful to be serving as your alternate area chair. Last rotation on panel 67 I served as your alternate registrar. I had a wonderful experience for 2 years in that position. As alternate registrar my job was to do whatever Laura told me to do. That's right. Now this position as alternate area chair is totally different because in this position I do whatever Paul tells me to do. I have been serving in general service in area 42 since 2008. In that time I have not missed one SAGs meeting or area assembly and I am super excited and grateful to be hear once again with my people in beautiful downtown Tonopah Nevada. When my home group appointed me as GSR through the AA legacy of the Alcoholics Anonymous railroad I can guarantee you that I was neither grateful nor excited. And when I found out that meant I had to spend a whole weekend sitting in the Tonopah convention center with a bunch of AA nerds it did not make me spiritual fit. I spent the whole 3 hours driving up here cussing out my home group. How could they do this to me. It was absolutely ridiculous. I already knew it was stupid and a lot of people in AA already told me that general service was all about politics anyway. Even old timers in my own group told me about you people. So why would I do it. Luckily for me it didn't matter what I thought about it I was the GSR whatever that meant and I was on my way to the Mecca of Tonopah Nevada. I walked into this room and it wasn't even 2 hours before I realized how wrong I was which had been happening a lot in the past 2 years since I had come into AA so at this point I was pretty used to that so that was OK. But what about all of the politics and all off the other BS that was supposed to be going on up here. My friend told me that there are 2 types of people in AA the judgers and the doers. And the judgers are to busy judging to do and the doers are to busy doing to judge. I realized for myself that the people sitting in this room were doing more to help the alcoholic who still suffers then 90% of the people I had met in AA up to this point. As my sponsor always says that day my AA world got bigger. My favorite thing about the pre conference assembly is that we discussed all of these topics that were going to be on the agenda for the general service conference. We did not all agree on every single topic. Some topics we were split 50 50 and people were very concerned about what would happen. But even when we didn't agree we still all listened to each other with kindness, love, and tolerance. These people would say what they thought and these people would say what they thought but nobody ever called the apposing view stupid no one ever said that guys an idiot because he believes that. Everybody listened carefully to what everyone else had to say and in the end we left it up to the group conscious and whatever that ended up being we all trusted that that is exactly what was supposed to happen no matter where we stood when the discussion started. Now I don't know about you but that sounds about like the polar opposite from politics to me. As your alternate area chair I also have the privilege of serving as your SAGSC or southern area general service committee chair. Things are going very well in beautiful Las Vegas Nevada. We had our first SAGs meeting and our round tables for this year. Everything went well and our room was packed full of people. I also had the privilege to attend PRAASA or the pacific region Alcoholics Anonymous service assembly. I went to the area chair round table Friday night and the archives round table Saturday night. I absolutely love PRAASA it will be in Tucson Arizona next year so mark your calendar now. If you would like your AA world to get bigger I guarantee that is the place to do it. I always end my reports by saying Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and General Service has become a huge part of my recovery. Thank you all very much for being here this weekend and thank you all for holding my hand and giving me a brand new life. A life full of joy and fellowship and a life that is worth living. I love you all.

**Feedback From Roundtables (South) Sense/Assembly:** Presenter: Rick

**II - CPC Item A - Discuss Progress on implementation of AAWS LinkedIn Page** Question: What is cost of all this – these changes? Answer: Not asking to change literature, so no printing cost. Cost has already been paid because we have already completed audit with them. There's no additional cost, just decision to approve. Question: How do we maintain our anonymity on a LinkedIn page? Answer: Don't have best answer on that but guess that if professional scrolling on LinkedIn and sees us it might be helpful for them. Also mentioned it is possible to turn on "anonymous" mode and turn off access to any members connected to page. Further commented that aa.org is a public page and they protect anonymity. Question: Asked if we already have aa.org, why do we need another online presence? Answer: This is why we need discussion and feedback. Question: Has PI/CPC or any other AA body been a Guinea pig or spearheaded or testes this out already? Answer: No. Question: What is LinkedIn? Answer: It is job seeking network like Facebook. Question: Is there any discussion in background material about putting on page what AA is not. In CPC work questioner did they lead with what AA is not? Answer: This is discussed in the literature ad nauseum. Further commented that not focused on what AA is not because they want it to come across as a positive statement. And regarding the question about other people posting or linking to your LinkedIn page, there is link-back to aa.org. Question: Is this page being set up as a company page? Answer: Yes. This dismisses anonymity issue because of how company pages work. Question: AAWS already has presence on YouTube – is there any overlap? Answer: It's not the same thing. Hat YT page, for example is made up of public information videos and announcements. Rhonda wanted to be clear and make a note that PI/CPC are two separate things. PI is public information. CPC is Cooperation with Professional Community. PI is on YouTube with public service announcements. And the LinkedIn page being discussed here is for professional community – doctor, lawyer, etc.

**VI – Literature Item M - Consider revising the Foreword to the books Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions** Question: Is there a cost? Answer: Understanding is they run out old literature and then print new, so now special cost. Question: When a member was doing step work, sponsor had her do steps, traditions, and concepts. Why don't people do that today. Answer: This is not addressing the agenda item, but generally, you sponsor the way you're taught, so if you don't learn them you don't teach them. Question: Not so much a question – a member stated they cover all the different pieces of triangle in group throughout the year and says its responsibility of GSR is to update their group. Doesn't see why we need to bring it into another book because it's already covered in others. Question: A member clarified that we are talking about the specific agenda item here that needs to be taken back to the group. Let's focus on that. Question: Someone noted that because the concepts are subject to change, they are not included in this volume and addressed in their current places. It should stay that way. Answer: Another

member with 47 years in the program commented that in 47 years there have been no change in the concepts except that they used to be separate from the service manual. It's because we now want to see all three legacies mentioned instead of just two, that this is being considered. Question: Why not include them in preface? Answer: We can't alter the agenda item. Need to answer this question and if decided that we want to bring up something else, we need to follow proper procedure for submitting a new item. Question: Is book going to be called 12 12 and 12? Answer: No Question: A member noted for the benefit of new reps in room, in general when we hear talk of adding or changing pamphlets: (1) to create new pamphlet costs \$30,000 to \$40,000, (2) changing a pamphlet costs about \$40. Hence, why we try to alter instead of creating new.

**VI – Literature Item O - Consider Request to update the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated”** Question: How do I get a pamphlet. Answer: Ashley has it or you can download at aa.org/assets and print out yourself. Ashley also noted that the proposed changes would be made at re-print so now additional cost. Question: A member asked to clarify that the question is just to consider requests to update the pamphlet; not to take any specific action/change now. Answer: Correct. Question: Why do we need wording if it's an illustration? Answer: The committee feels an update is needed to capture simplified language of the meaning of steps more effectively than the current version. So possibly changing wording and/or illustration depending on the specific illustration. Question: Does this mean we have to dumb down big book? Is this first step in that? Answer: No. This pamphlet was specifically designed for those members that may have certain disabilities or lower reading levels. It was added that there have been numerous requests for many years to provide more/better options of materials with lower reading levels. That's where this originates from. Question: A member noted that because we are talking about running down the current pamphlet before instating any changes, he thinks because we need to address a pamphlet for lower reading levels, that a separate pamphlet should be developed and we should leave the current pamphlet as it exists for the reason it was originally developed. Answer: It was noted that this pamphlet was originally and already developed for that specific set of audience. The request here has nothing to do with “dumbing anything down” that perhaps this pamphlet which was originally designed and intended to address members with lower reading levels could perhaps be improved to better reflect the meaning of the steps and improve readability and comprehension levels for those its is geared towards. Question: A member again asked to clarify that the question is just to consider requests to update the pamphlet; not to take any specific action/change now. Answer: Correct. Question: A member pointed out that if he didn't understand a word his sponsor would make him look it up in the dictionary. That it's a learning process, making inference that change isn't needed. (No response given)

**X – Treatment & Accessibilities Item B - Consider adding a story from an AA member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to AA: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers** Question: What pamphlet are we discussing? Answer: Access to AA: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers. Question: A member asked that if the request is to consider adding a story, where is the story? Answer: The item is to consider adding a story. It was noted that at, at PRAASA, a deaf member gave a presentation on this specific item and did wonderful job explaining this. So, again, the item is to consider adding a story. If we decide to consider it, then work will begin to select a story and we will be presented at a later time with the actual story that would then need to be approved. Question: Can we find background information on the Area 42 website? Answer: Yes, you can find the background information, but to clarify, that would be background information, not any actual or potential stories. Question: Are we implementing a new process to add stories? Answer: No, there is already a process. This is part of the process we are following. Question: Then, what's the issue? Answer: There is no issue. That we are following the normal process we always follow in considering adding a story or making any change to any literature. This is the first part. Addressing the issue that has been raised and whether or not we as a group want to consider making a change to the item, which in this particular case is “considering” whether or not to add a story from a member who is deaf to the pamphlet. If the consensus is yes, we will then begin to take action. At this point we are just consider whether or not to take any action. Question: What's the cost? Answer: Approximately \$40.

**X – Treatment & Accessibilities Item D - Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with AA** Question: A member was curious to know if there are other subsets of alcoholics that are put out there in the public in the same way? Does doing this open a door? Or, is the already happening in another form or is this beta version of a plan to roll-out on a larger scale? Is this first time a recording would be made or do other recordings exist? Answer: Understanding is that similar recordings exist for non-specific groups in the form of general public service announcements, but not for any specific professionals or specific to military chaplains, etc. Question: Does DOD need to approve us targeting military? Answer: The research committee has reached out to the Veterans Administration to get their input. As far as we currently understand it, we do not need any military approval to make and/or post these recordings. Question: Will this be posted on AA.org only and not on the LinkedIn page we discussed earlier? Answer: Once made, this could be made available on any channel, but again the specific issue here is as it pertains to AA.org. Question: Is this geared towards professionals? Answer: This will be geared towards military professionals so they can address individual needs within the military as they come up. A few of our veteran members took the opportunity to make some general statements and provide input about their military experiences with AA: One member attended a VA hospital in Seattle where they had both AA and NA meetings at the hospital. Another member noted that at the VA Drug & American Hospital, AA is not allowed on property, but that they will bus members to meetings. Another member noted that he attended a few meetings at his VA, here locally, on Pecos and everything went well for a while but then he heard the veterans themselves didn't want civilians at their meetings, only veterans.

**XII – Archives Item A - Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey”** Question: A member pointed out that she felt it was very cool that we have this video and the opportunity to have access to it. Question: A member pointed out that on YouTube you can find many videos of Bill and Lois, but not of Dr. Bob and Ann. So, the fact that we have access to this video with the two men in the same room with their wives is

historically very important. It was further noted that as background info states, this is the only video we are aware of that contains all four of them. Question: Can we already purchase this movie online?

Answer: Yes, you can buy the current video as it exists online from AA.org. This agenda item is two consider adding the two minutes of new footage to that existing video. Question: Is there a cost associated with this?

Answer: We don't have a cost at the moment. This will be provided at the General Service Conference.

**Assembly Feedback:** Moderator: Jake Timer (2 min): Flynn

TREATMENT D: interviews will be with military professional, no names or personal info. will be given in the interview.

ARCHIVES A: would posting picture after death still be anonymity break? A. it is made for members only. TREATMENT D:

Why focus on military? This opens it up for psa's to many other professions..Let's keep it more general. CPC A: concerned about anonymity. TREATMENT D: homegroup member minority opinion was in the military and not having access to AA Military personnel are confined to their bases, whereas other professionals have access. CPC A: already exists. Concerns that it would be written by consulting firm, it should be written by AA. TREATMENT D: are we talking about active military or veterans? A. It is designed to provide info. to military professionals who interact with the alcoholic. CPC A: it is geared for the professionals understanding. CPC A: if you visit the linkedin page, there is no anonymity break, unless there is something on your page referring to being alcoholic, as it doesn't show who visited the page. TREATMENT D: the c.o. doesn't know what to do with their alcoholic company, this psat is for information/ give resources for their alcoholic. TREATMENT B: how would another deaf story be different than the current one. LITERATURE O: general service has been a big part of sobriety. The sooner the better on learning the Concepts. CPC A: it is for the professionals, "what aa is not" is more important. CPC A: if you visit the page and don't set preference to be anonymous, your name will be collected. CPC A: it is in line with the traditions. CPC A: it is already in progress, why are we talking about it? TREATMENT D: a member came up this, not the military. TREATMENT D: a homegroup member spoke of suicide, anything that will help with that. ARCHIVES A: is there a time frame? A. no, not yet. TREATMENT B: why add another deaf person story? A. The subcommittee wanted to clarify deaf and hard of hearing and felt the deaf and hard of hearing were not being fully represented. One story was one who became deaf and the other was of one that could only communicate by sign language. TREATMENT B: if hand of aa needs to be there for the deaf, then that is where we should be.

**Sense of Assembly:**

CPC item A: yes

LITERATURE item M: yes

LITERATURE item O: yes

TREATMENT item B: yes

TREATMENT item D: yes

ARCHIVES item A: yes

**District, Committee and Officer Reports:**

**Newsletter Editor** Hi, my name is Gabe S. and I am pleased to be serving as your Newsletter Editor. This is a commitment like no other I have held before. It is full of new challenges and I am happy to report that I am enjoying every minute of it. I missed the round tables in the North, but by chance I happened to be in Las Vegas for another commitment and was able to attend most of the South's roundtables. I went to PRAASA for the first time in nearly a decade and learned a lot from a small handful of other Newsletter Editors from other Areas. The Area representing Seattle (72 I believe) does a monthly newsletter that is 16 pages long, so I am grateful that ours is shorter than that and only quarterly. As I heard it described at the NNAGSC meeting, and by several others since, this was March madness, and I feel that since I got through it without pulling all my hair out that I should be able to get through the rest of my commitment with little to no complications. Thank you to Anne, Paul, and many others for all the help these past few months in learning this new position. DCM's please send me information for District Events. There are copies of the Newsletter on the table in the front of the room. Thank you for allowing me to serve Gabe

**Webservant** Hello everyone my name is Mike L I am an alcoholic serving as Area 42 Webmaster or humbly your webservant. I am very grateful to be serving in this position since I was picked out of the hat of 5 people. First I would like to thank Libby for making the transition from the last panel so smooth. One of my first acts as the webmaster was I brought down the website for about 15 minutes. First, I panicked then I thought, oh ask for help and I called our web host and they had us back up in no time at all. This proves the axiom the first requirement for a service position is you don't know what you are doing. The website is always a work in progress. I have been busy updating the website for this panel contact information and the agenda items. Diana M has invaluable resource working to make the website as equal as possible for both English speaking and Spanish speaking alcoholics. The purpose of this website is to provide General Service activities information about Alcoholics Anonymous and about A.A. in Area 42. The website can be found at nevadaarea42.org. The protected member area of the website is reserved for area financials and for un-scrubbed material such as agenda items background material. I can be contacted at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org for any questions or comments. Learning about our website the ins and outs has been real interesting for me and being trusted with such an important communication tool for the area is a real honor. I thank you for letting me be of service. You can use the contact page to send an email. The calendar has area/district service events, not picnics and stuff like that. The registration is not on the web site as it is linked to an outside entity.

**Break:** 3:00pm-3:15pm

Assembly resumes with Serenity Prayer lead by Alternate Chair, Jake

**Announcements:**

- If you did not buy a ticket to the banquet, it's ok to join us with your own food. If you want to eat out and return for the speaker, it's ok.
- Agenda states speaker is at 7:30, be here at least 15 minutes for the speaker.

- We still have not hit our mark to pay for the coffee yet.
- Archive's room to update District and Group History. Check out what is in the Archive's room.

**V Grapevine item D (presentation and feedback):** Presenter: Mark P.

Hi there my name is Mark and I am an Alcoholic. I'm grateful to be here today to present to you Conference Committee V: Grapevine - Item D. D is a conference agenda item that is up for "review". I found somewhere in all the material I had in front of me that, for our purposes, "review" means: to look back over, or study again, previously studied material. The key here is previously studied material. Discussion of this survey and it's usefulness to Grapevine and La Viña has been and continues to be an important topic to the conference committee and the board. I also read right after that that, in regards to items "up for review", quote "Rarely do we have the materials that are referred to and this is usually pretty boring stuff". So I'll do my best to spice it up a bit. conference committee V: Grapevine-Item D reads: "Review AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary". If you're like me you are saying to yourself, "what survey?". So let's talk about the survey. This is from the office report. As part of our ongoing strategic planning in 2018 the Board of AA Grapevine, Inc undertook a survey of current, past and non-subscribers to Grapevine and La Viña. The Survey was fielded between September and November of 2018 and the initial results were presented to the Board of Directors on December 7th of 2018. The following is the total of that presentation. It is an initial summary and some findings. The board is still processing this information and would love the Committees general thoughts and feedback on the survey itself and results to date. What stands out to you? Based on the questions in the survey, what other questions might you want to ask the broader data? Your feedback will be incorporated to our ongoing discussions on action steps as well as possible future surveys and testing. So the idea here is that AA Grapevine Inc wants feedback from grapevine conference committee members (of which our Delegate Rhonda is a part of) on the survey itself and the results of the survey. This feedback along with ideas or questions that might come up in discussions surrounding this topic would be shared. Our delegate would like guidance in providing that feedback as a member of the grapevine conference committee. That guidance comes from our groups. I realize that unless your group had the time to dig into all the agenda items this may be the first you have heard of this survey. So as GSRs participating in the "sense of the assembly" you may have the opportunity to exercise your right of decision. Why is this topic on the agenda? Grapevine subscriptions have decreased 33% over the last 10 years. Increasing (the number of) subscriptions is necessary to sustain the current voice of the fellowship and the important role the grapevine and La Viña content plays in carrying AA's message of recovery. So in the fall of 2018, a 15-minute survey was administered to both readers and potential readers of Grapevine and La Viña. The goal of the survey was to measure attitudes towards the existing publication, their current/intended usage, and their preferences for the future. Surveys were administered in an online format. Survey was open from 9/4 - 10/26 2018. Surveys were fielded in both English and Spanish with approximately 4500 people finishing the survey. Approximately 11% of the respondents were more familiar with La Viña and 89% were more familiar with The Grapevine. I was sent the detailed results of this survey. Approximately 40 pages of data that cannot all be shared here but I will share some of the highlights: In reading the results I observed that with few exceptions the percentages in the categorical survey questions were relatively parallel for both grapevine and La Viña. Some examples: Where did you first learn about Grapevine/La Viña: The highest percentage answer to that was "at a meeting" with the lowest percentages being at a facility or from a Grapevine/La Viña rep. How do you use Grapevine/La Viña products: The highest percentage was for personal recovery and 12 step work with the lowest percentages for professional or other purposes. Respondents were also broken down into categories of subscriber, past subscriber and non subscribers. When asked how they felt about topics such as "does the magazine mirror the voices of AA"? And "is the magazine vital to carrying the message of AA"? The percentages were relatively high with subscribers and predictably lower with past subscribers and non subscribers. Respondents were asked about the usefulness of the Grapevine and La Viña products and which type of content was most useful. Whether it be personal stories, newsletters or daily quotes. They were asked about what types of stories were more important whether they be stories of personal recovery, stories involving steps and traditions, stories about concepts or clinical information about alcoholism. It should be noted here that an initial summary and some findings from this survey were released to the board in December. I'll list those here. Positive things about Grapevine and La Viña: Subscribers are very positive about Grapevine and La Viña appearance and variety of stories. Most subscribers feel that a subscription is priced about right or a bargain. Several subscribers report positive resolution to customer service issues. These examples are the tip of the iceberg. The results are rather extensive and as I said before we don't have time for them now. I just wanted to share the general idea of the survey content and goal. This brings me to what we are doing here today. The executive summary identified specific opportunities for Grapevine Inc that were derived from the survey results. Our delegate would like to know what your groups think about these points. • There is an opportunity to improve perceptions and relevance of Grapevine and La Viña as important personal recovery tools • There is confusion about how Grapevine and La Viña are funded, clarifying this may increase revenue • Current content formula could be improved to reach younger members and be more relevant to members with long-term sobriety • There is a desire for a simpler subscription model and less interest in a stand-alone digital subscription • Existing digital experience problems are barriers to adoption, these should be prioritized for improvement • There is an opportunity to learn from La Viña engagement strategies It is these opportunities that the delegate would like feedback on as well as your thoughts on future opportunity to review and discuss survey results once a report in lay persons language becomes available to the fellowship.

**Feedback:** Timer (2 min.): Samantha

- For clarification, was there a discussion of no digital edition? No
- The highest percentage of introductions came from hearing about it at meetings. Paper editions are beneficial need.

**International Conventions/Regional Forums item B (presentation and feedback):** Presenter: Dave L.

Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony. One of the major highlights of each International Convention is the parade of flags at the Opening Meeting on Friday evening. The Flag Ceremony sets the celebratory and international tone for the Convention weekend with a display of 90+ flags representing countries whose members are attending the Convention. Starting with the 2005 International Convention in Toronto and approved by the General Service Board and General Service Conference, a limited broadcast of this event was shared with General Service Conference areas in the U.S./Canada and with General Service Offices overseas. It required a unique password along with technical requirements to access the Flag Ceremony on the Internet. Access was available approximately 9 hours after the end of the Flag Ceremony, which allowed time for editing to ensure anonymity and to launch the broadcast. Each area was given the opportunity to broadcast the Flag Ceremony up to six times, and each foreign G.S.O. could show it once. The broadcast spanned over 48 hours. In 2005, the broadcast was accessed 1,760 times. In 2009, the General Service Board agreed that over the 2010 International Convention weekend, unlimited access to an encrypted, anonymity-protected Internet broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony would be available through G.S.O.'s A.A. website (this meant that passwords would no longer be required). This was followed by approval from the 2009 General Service Conference. The broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Flag Ceremony began early Saturday morning (July 3) and ended on Monday morning (July 5) at midnight EST. The broadcast was available in English, French and Spanish and was accessed 13,790 times through G.S.O.'s A.A. website. In 2014 the General Service Conference approved a recommendation for an anonymity protected internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony. The broadcast began on Saturday morning, July 4 through G.S.O.'s A.A. website and was extended until Friday, July 17, 2015. No password or access code was required. The ceremony was viewed a total of 448,165 times during that period of time. From the Minutes of the January 26, 2019 trustees' IC/RF Committee meeting: "The committee agreed to forward to the 2019 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums the discussion of an anonymity-protected, delayed Internet broadcast of the Convention Flag Ceremony for the 2020 International Convention. The committee also suggested the Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums consider the production of anonymity-protected videos of other highlights of the convention as a way of sharing the spirit and enthusiasm of the 2020 International Convention with A.A. members." Prior recommendation of the 2014 Conference IC/RF Committee for the 2015 International Convention that resulted in an Advisory Action: "It was recommended that: 'an encrypted, anonymity-protected Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony be approved.'" Our committee had some concerns about how our anonymity is ensured and asked the following questions. What is meant by "9-hour delay to allow time for editing to ensure anonymity..." Were the faces of attendees digitally blocked out or blurred before the broadcast? If faces were recognizable (either by digital enhancement, zooming, or other methods) were individuals in attendance (any who COULD POTENTIALLY appear in the video) made aware that they may appear on the video and broadcast on the internet? Could you briefly describe what measures are in place to ensure anonymity? This is the answer from Julio at GSO: Basically, the Flag Ceremony is video-taped live on Friday night and all participants are informed. The video is then reviewed by an A.A. staff member, who works with an editing team to ensure that the anonymity of all participants is protected. The video is filmed by the same editing team who look for the best angles to make the video as anonymity protected as possible. The editing process then reviews each frame to ensure that the video is within our standard of anonymity. Once the process is completed the video is broadcast on aa.org, for a limited time. In the past the editing process has been an all-night endeavor, taking 9 hours in 2005 and closer to 12 hours in 2015.

**Feedback:** Timer (2 min.): Samantha

- Will part of the editing process be to edit name? Are they going to showcase other parts of the Convention? How will the audio be formatted? A. It will be edited for the best angle. Edited according to their anonymity guidelines.
- Shouldn't it be available for longer viewing?
- Saw the Flag Flying Ceremony on UTube, could not see any faces...the country name was on the screen.
- Curious about the purpose, for all people or just members?
- Flag Ceremony is a moving moment. ½ a million people viewed it. Strive for more people to view it. It went from three days to fourteen.

**Sense of Assembly:** Yes

**District, Committee Chair and Officers Reports:**

**Area Registrar** Hello and happy Spring Assembly 2019. My name is Anne and I serve as your Area 42 Panel 69 Registrar. Thank you for the honor to serve you in this position. I would like to thank my Alt Registrar Tony A. for serving with me. I would also like to thank Laura J. and Jake S. for all their help and support in making the transition into this position virtually seamless. I am looking forward to spending the next two years together with all of you. The year started off with learning how to log into and use the Fellowship New Vision system and entering all of your contact information into the system. I hope you have received everything you need. If you have to make changes, please let me know. I have forms with me and will be happy to share. This year's Pacific Region AA Service Assembly was a great learning experience for me. As someone who is entirely new to the register position, it was a huge relief to sit in round tables with other registrars throughout the region. I was able to learn more about the FNV system and the function that it serves to AA as a whole. I am also relieved to know that like most everything Area 42, we are right in step with our brothers and sisters who serve in the same roles. We used Brown Paper Tickets to pre-register our members online. Hopefully your DCMs were able to send you the links through email or text without much trouble.

By Thursday, April 5, we had 114 people pre-registered that really helped me prepare in advance. We have 267 total registered at this assembly. (115 on-line and 147 at the door.) If you ever need anything from me, please contact me at [registrar@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:registrar@nevadaarea42.org). Yours in love and continued service, Anne D.

**Alternate Registrar:** (from CD) Hello, I'm Tony, an alcoholic. I'm grateful to be here. I registered 11 GSR's from the Spanish Districts, and 4 from the English community. Thank you for your patience. We didn't have enough packets. I couldn't find your registrations. Next assembly, we will be better prepared. Thank you very much and enjoy the rest of your day.

**Announcements:**

- When you leave, take everything with you.
- The banquet starts at 6:00, probably want to be here 15-30 minutes early.
- If you want to bring your food to the banquet, that's fine, if you want to just come for the speaker, that's fine.
- Speaker starts at 7:30. I would be here at least 15 minutes early.

**Break, Dinner, Speaker** - Resume Area Meeting Sunday at 8:30am

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

**8:30am** Chair, Paul opens with Serenity Prayer and AA Preamble.

**Steering Committee for NACYPA:**

Dan M.-Chair of Advisory      Kirk\_Co-Chair      Samantha-Bi-Laws Chair      Sandra-Secretary      Travis-City Bid  
Barbara M.- Treasurer      If you have any questions, these are the people to talk to. We also have a core group of people involved

**Announcements:**

- Coffee contributions jar. We have to pay for coffee, so any contributions would be appreciated.
- Get your list of addresses, where to send your group's 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions from table.
- Trent is taping. You can purchase a set of assembly cd's and other speaker tapes.

**Ad-hoc Committee Reports:**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION** Members: Myself, Edie, Monica, Tony A. Diana. The ad hoc committee spoke on the phone several times and elected Edie as the chair – Monica as secretary. Edie has since left us due to her overwhelming obligations. Monica has been very busy. I have to reach out to her to ask her intentions. Sandra from District 12 has volunteered to jump in... Thank you Sandra. Yesterday, myself & Diane met in the Archives Room and by default, I have taken over the reign of Chairperson & Diane as Secretary. I want to first ask Diane to stand up so you know who my savior was this year. This was the first year that we actually translated EVERYTHING. Without her, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish it all. After having accomplished all this work, we see that it is necessary to have a translation committee for the following reasons: Need to review Guide lines and propose any changes to include making it an official committee, so work can be delegated amongst the members. Budget. GOALS: To have website translated. All Area 42 business translated. Have Area 42 attend Spanish Conventions, Forums & Events and have the meetings translated into English. Get more people to participate. BACKGROUND: I opened my mouth one day, about 7 years ago, as Alt. GSR and asked about translating and was asked to Volunteer to translate to 2 people. We then had more members from District 21 start coming and now District 22 has started coming to these assemblies. I would like to propose that a Translation Committee be formed as a part of the Area. We have come this far and would like to see us continue to include everyone in all events.

*Paul, the Area Chair, responded with...we look forward to your formal proposal. There is a process for a Guideline Change in the Area Guidelines, after you write your proposal, it has to go into the Newsletter, then presented to the body.*

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GUIDELINES CHANGE** Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. At the Fall 2018 Area Assembly, Lyle C., our current Area Archivist, brought to the Area Committee a request for the Area Chair to appoint an ad – hoc committee to review and eventually propose changes to the current guidelines. One of the sections we - Lyle C. the appointed Chair, Sophie K., past Area 42 Delegate, and myself – were tasked to tackle was section 2.0 – Area Committee. In 2015, a proposal was made to add the elected and appointed Standing Committee Chairs and the NAGSC/SAGSC liaisons into the guidelines as members of the Area Committee, with voting privileges. At the second reading in 2016, the proposal did not pass, which has made all who serve in these positions members of the Area Assembly, but not the Area Committee. We have also been asked to review and eventually propose changes to section 3.0 – Area Elections. This request was made due to confusion surrounding who is eligible to make themselves available to stand for Area Officer positions at our election Assemblies. As a committee, we have had four conference calls thus far to discuss, in length, the purpose of the Area Committee, who makes up the Area Committee according to our AA Service Manual, what our Area 42 Preamble and our Area 42 Statement of Purpose suggests, we have studied Concept IV, and have shared personal experiences. We have reviewed what positions make up our Area Officers and their duties as outlined in our AA Service Manual and the current Area 42 Guidelines, we have written, re-written, and re-written again, to simplify and clarify what were asked to propose. We will also be proposing changes to other sections so that our guidelines will be uniform all the way through. The wording for both guideline changes has been solidified and will appear in the August Newsletter. Please keep your eyes open for that. The first reading of our proposals will be at the Fall 2019 Area Assembly. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

**Mapping Ad Hoc** My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving on your mapping ad hoc committee. I am the chair Libby is our secretary Julie is our honorary member then we have Kevin, Lorenda and Kirk who we lovingly refer to as the technical side of the committee. This means that these 3 actually know what they are talking about. Thank god. This ad hoc committee started 1 year ago and it has been an adventure. The first thing we did was looked at the area 42 map that was approved and the area 42 written description that were approved and we found out these 2 documents didn't exactly go together. When you took the written description and made a map with them it did not match what we were doing in practice. So what we decided to do was take the written descriptions and make maps based exactly on what the written descriptions said. If you were here at the fall assembly you might have seen the big map out on the table. That was created using our approved area 42 written descriptions. We knew that the map would not be correct. We also gave copies of these maps and the district boundary maps to all of the DCMs at the Sunday DCM meeting and sent them home with homework. We asked them to look at these maps and tell us what was wrong with them what was good what was bad or tell us that they were perfect. The other problem we had was using our technical committee they told us that some of the written descriptions didn't really make sense in actual mapping terms. So we took all of the information from the DCMs along with our mapping committees expertise and tried to come up with the best map possible. So today we took these new maps and gave them all to the DCMs in DCM workshop in the blue room. We are still working on the written descriptions and we will be working with all of the DCMs to get this map as good as possible and still making sense to people who actually know about maps. The big thing our mapping committee does not want to do is rush through this process and then we have to go through this whole process again in 3 years. We want to hear from all of area 42 and finish up with the best map possible for our area.

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE AD-HOC** Hi my name is Lisa, I am the chair of the ad hoc committee that was formed to evaluate the need and interest in holding a Corrections Conference in Area 42, specifically in Las Vegas. The history of this is that two years ago the first corrections conference was held in the Midwest. Note from last reporting the fall: When we returned from Assembly in March I reached out to the chair of the first ever Corrections Conf. Interesting note about how it came about, during the 2015 international conference many of the correction chairs got together and requested that GSO support a corrections conference being put together and be held in various locations across the nation. From there they chose a location and created a committee. There was no seed money put forth by any committees or Alcoholics Anonymous, the deposits were simply put onto a member of Alcoholics Anonymous' credit card and they relied solely on registrations to pay for the whole event. My understanding is that there was a significant interest in the conference in Maine, and although it was in the farthest and possibly coldest area of the States last November that it was still attended by a couple hundred. Back to today: The second conference was held in Maine this past November, and even though it was held in the farthest and most possibly coldest part of the nation, they still had an attendance of a couple hundred. It sounds like people are hungry for this. With this information, our ad hoc committee members do think that we could attract quite a crowd having a conference in sunny Las Vegas, while the rest of the country is quite cold in November. It is my understanding that there are plenty of venues that could support such a conference at a reasonable cost, which would be of no cost to our area. Reminder that this conference raises the funds it needs itself and needs no funding from our area. There are two potential facilities available to host event in Las Vegas first weekend in November 2021. The Tuscan Hotel & Casino & the Plaza Hotel & Casino are currently putting together proposal estimates. Both facilities have all that would be required for the event. Alan recently spoke with someone He knows (personally for many years) from Northern California Area H&I who has attended the event both years (as well as doing a presentation there) and we would receive an enormous support from that area as well as Southern California and Arizona. Alan says :”I am confident (based on years of personal experience with these types of events) and available information and resources it could be very successful worthwhile effort.” H&I itself would not. The CORRECTIONS part of H&I would submit the proposal (Provided AREA approves going forward with this). A conference committee chair would have to be appointed and a written proposal submitted by this Sep't 15 at latest. We would like to recommend that the area support a bid for the Corrections Conference to be held in Las Vegas in 2021. Lisa For clarification, this is a National Conference. The proposal will be done by H&i. Right now, we are just talking about it, is it ok to have support from area 42? **Sense of the Assembly:** yes, support from area 42.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS: The following is a first reading of proposal...** Area 42 Guideline Additions and Changes to add The Communications Committee: Additions to Officer Duties E. Secretary 8) To be a member of the Communications Committee F. Alt Secretary 4) To be a member of the Communications Committee L. Newsletter Editor 2) To be a member of the Communications Committee M. Webmaster 3) To be a member of the Communications Committee Addendum 2: Communications Committee The Communications Committee is to be a committee charged with helping the trusted servants of Area 42 with any questions or situations which might arise concerning communication with in Area 42. These areas of communication will include but not be limited to areas such as Internet Technology, Public Information Support, bulk email concerns, or any issues in the future of communication which might arise or be brought forward by members of Area 42. The Communication Committee consists of the officers of the area involved in communication which include the Area Secretary, the Alternate Secretary, the Newsletter Editor, the Webmaster, the Secretary of either NAGSC, or SAGSC which is not the Alternate Secretary, the immediate past Delegate (or any past Delegate if the immediate past Delegate is unable to be a part of this committee) and a bilingual at-Large member. Responsibilities of the Communication Committee: A. Perform a semi-annual review of Area 42 website, newsletters and other Area 42 communications. B. Conducts two conference call meetings per year prior to the semi-annual Area 42 Assemblies. Committee chair may convene additional calls as necessary. C. Reports yearly activities to the area at assembly. D. With the cooperation of area members, maintains an area calendar of events that shall be shared with the Area through the website and other communications tools. E. Be available for guidance should questions or concerns regarding public facing or internal communications needs come forward from any Area 42 member. F. As necessary, committee drafts and submits proposals to the Area. G. Committee selects a Chairperson and a Secretary

**Thanks to our current host, Dist. 20 and SWACCYPA  
Host for 2019 Fall Assembly: Dist. 7**

**Ask it Basket:**

Q. What is purpose of Communications Committee?

A. Phil layed it out well. Committee work is why we have committees.

Q. Are documents/information confidential other than those labeled as such?

A. Not books and service material that we pass to others who can use them.

Q. Is there a difference between district committees and area committees? How do they relate to GSC/GSO?

A. Dist. Committee takes care of local business, area committee is area wide. Either one can communicate with GSO.

Q. Could Fri. night GSR training be geared more towards our roles as GSR's?

A. Ask the Area Chair to address it, fit it in.

Q. How many groups are in Area 42? A. 6

Q. Is the Forum funded by groups?

A. Indirectly, yes. Funds from contributions are used/ funded by GSO.

Q. Why was I denied funding? Group partially funded me \$200, it cost more than that to attend Area Assembly.

A. Suggest you keep your treasures informed.

Q. What is the root of our troubles?

A. I am the root of my own problems...Me

Q. Where do the Agenda items come from?

A. Any AA member. Has a better chance of getting on Conference floor if it comes from a Dist. or Area.

Q. Can members email Rhonda if they want to comment on Agenda items?

A. Yes

Q. How do we sign up to help on committees?

A. Pick one and ask.

Q. What is the process by which a group or member get concerns to Delegate?

A. Start with Group, District, NAGSC/SAGSC, Area, Delegate.

Q. People don't stay for Ask it Basket, can we do it end of day on Saturday?

A. Assembly is for business, it is not business.

Q. How does committees correspond to GSO?

A. For local questions, contact the local committee. aa.org, each committee has secretaries that answer questions.

Q. Why is AA anonymous?

A. To keep my damn fool ego out of it.

Q. How come Area has so much money?

A. P&L shows clear description of income. It cost a lot of money to put on assembly and other expenses. Balance sheet shows prudent reserve and expenses.

Q. What would it take to combine all three treasuries?

A. Combine complete Area. It is a vast area for committees to cover, more able to do their work with three treasuries.

Q. We don't own the copyrights for Alcoholics Anonymous?

A. Yes & no. forgot to renew c for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> editions. Lost in U.S. only. The first 164 pages were lost in 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Stories retain copyrights in 4<sup>th</sup> edition. The 12 Concepts are lost.

Q. Paul, are you nervous? A. Very.

**What's on your mind:**

- Suggest time scheduled into agenda for conference committees to talk.
- 2035 is the 100 yr. anniversary of AA. Consider support for next delegate to get package for International Forum Bid.
- Thanks for various emails, felt well informed. Had to flip through papers, not in order. Add "please share this information with all members of group" in emails.
- New GSR. Thank you for the Assembly, it was an amazing Conference.
- Assembly was handled well. Suggest trying to discuss less Agenda Items.
- Great to communicate with others from other end of state. More clarification on Committees would be good.
- Seating ok if we had committee business. Did not like sitting with committee to just mix it up a bit.
- Why the shuffle, when committee work is done on conference calls and emails. When shuffled, felt abandoned my GSR's. Could see reasons for and reasons against seating with committee. Liked the idea of not obligated to sit with committee.
- Motels are filthy. Can someone get with Chamber of Commerce or Motels? Maybe move assembly. (note) With new places opening, may cause old ones to step up.

- Linguistic groups love idea of committees. With seating, could not participate as not enough interpreters. Felt non inclusive. Maybe we can find more interpreters to participate.
- GSR's not sure of what they're doing, split up caused more confusion. Suggestion for future; to keep GSR's with districts in the beginning of assembly, split it up after lunch, as we did. Suggest 1<sup>st</sup> assembly of new panel, sitting with Districts.
- Extreme introvert, was able to talk on conference calls. Had no idea of who they were. The opportunity to sit with the committee took me out of my comfort zone. Appreciate it in afternoon, wouldn't want seating all day.
- District 8 had a good show up of GSR's that did not know what these conference committees were. Pre-communication before the assembly would be helpful.
- Kristen read her Meditation of the Day. 'New Ideas'
- Had no idea of being put on a committee until Friday night.
- Confused by the emails and packets...K.I.S.S.
- Tonopah is halfway point of Vegas and Reno. Issues with a motel should be taken directly to the motel.
- Rhonda gave more time to process Agenda items.
- Confused by the mix up seating, glad to see the faces of the committee. It is better to communicate with the north and south, we are one Area.
- Service expands my world. It just keeps getting bigger. We don't have an opportunity to expand when caught up in our little crews. Loved the committee seating and conference committee opportunity.
- Thank you for being good sports in conference committees. Like the idea of sitting with Districts until lunch. We should watch the way we are presenting conference committees to new GSR's as they know no other way. Thank you to those who are presenting this as fun, and to the others, open your mind.
- Would like time to actually talk with committee. We sat down and jumped right into assembly business.
- Had an amazing time. Liked joining a committee. As a new GSR, would like to have a better understanding of the committee beforehand.
- The YPAA did an awesome job. Look into YPAA in District 1. Could use the energy at picnic, etc.
- Conference committee Chair and Co-Chair is 2 headed. Waiting for the other person, unsure how to proceed. Too many Co-chairs was experience.
- At the Fall Assembly, maybe we could spend some time learning about the new conference committees. Some type of committee kits? Interaction is great. Liked sitting with District Saturday morning.
- Julie, Dist. 8 offered team building exercises for committees.
- There is a problem with Convention Center room logistics. 26 years ago, this was tried with the conference committees. 267 people at 13 tables would be loud with over talking.
- This is 1<sup>st</sup> assembly. Pleased with everything from start to finish. Well directed. Not a lot of opinions here.

**From the Chair...** Will take comments on Conference Committees into account. Nothing is set in stone. The Chair, Alternate Chair, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and NAGSC Chair will talk about making it happen. There were some good suggestions and comments for and against. We will be moving forward with the committees.

Assembly closed @ 12:00pm with Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Debbie S.

Area 42 Secretary